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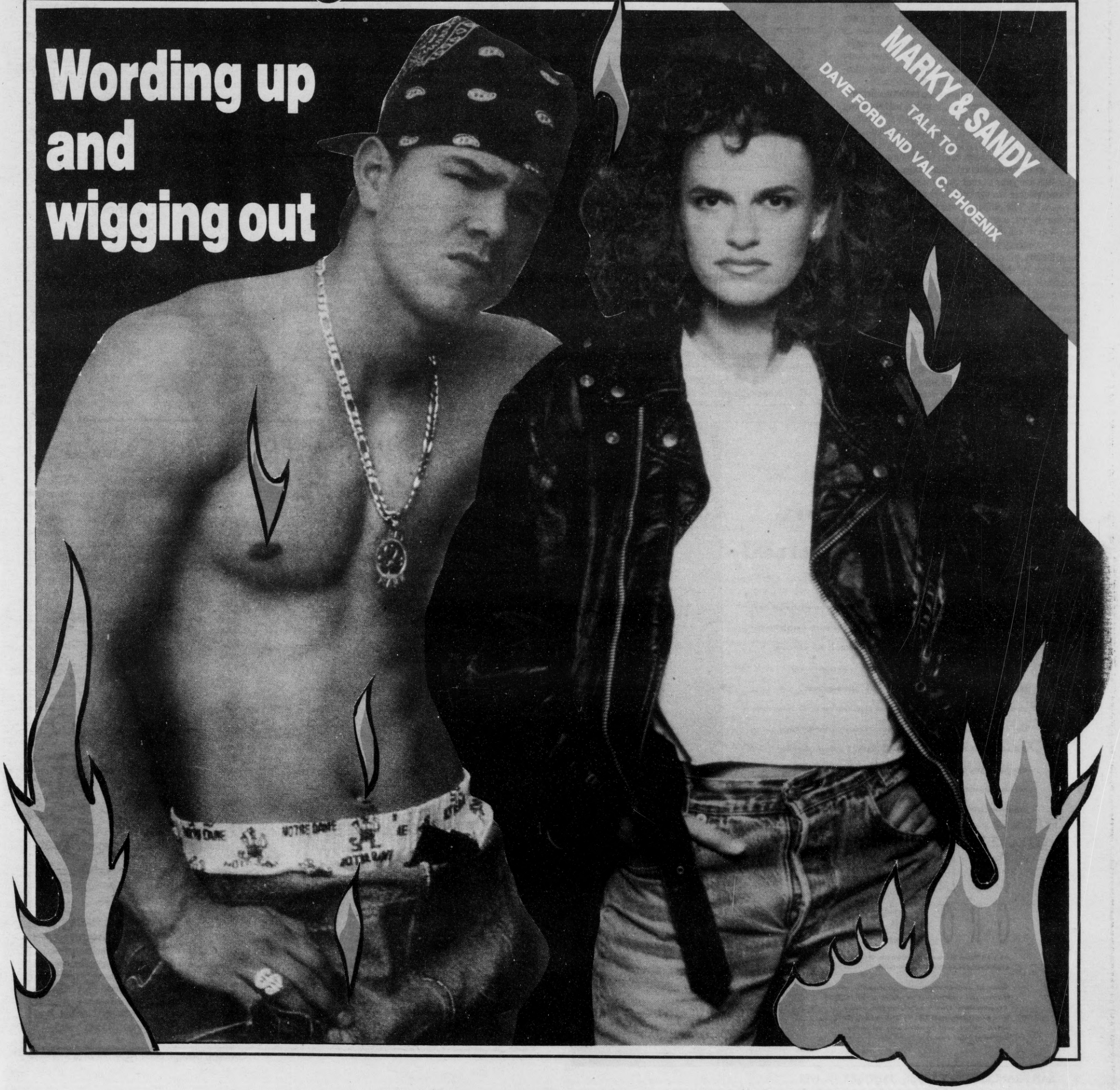
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LETTERS

Queers

Dear Queers, Dykes, Faggots, Lesbians, Bi's and others:

Response to Letters "Good Riddance to Queer Nation," *SF Bay Times, Jan. 2, 1992.*

Ah queer, what a word for pirating emotions.

Seems to me "queer" denotes strange, odd, an unconventional viewpoint; unusually different; singular. Also, homosexual. We obtain this oft disparaged word from the Greek *quer*: meaning oblique or adverse.

Yes "queer" is used as a derogatory epithet by some members of the majority. Those sorry folks saddled with the strange world outlook known as heterosexism, including, logically enough, a subset, homophobia. To derive "heterophobia" conversely from homophobia, its specious opposite, skews important concepts rather nontrivially.

Homophobia is practiced by the heterosexist majority who have the express, implied and in many instances legislated ability to oppress, repress, degrade, rape, bully, bash, coerce, manipulate, and defame queer peoples. This is a de facto as well as de jure standard in many states of this nation. Some places on this enlightened planet may even obtain your life for your sexual practices, or beliefs.

Homophobia is a system of beliefs, a state of mind if you will. The emotions attached to homophobia are *fear*, to wit: irrational fear with no basis in reality. Homophobia is the *power* to force others to behave in ways contrary to their desires. We as queers lack such faculty in interactions with hets. Oh give me that capacity! May I refrain from forcing hets to singularly engage in lesbian sexual practices, solely in groups of three or more, and only performing mutual vaginal fisting to multiple orgasm. (So they don't have vaginas—tough. Let 'em dream.)

To be phobic one needs an irrational fear or an anxiety exceeding normal proportions, having no basis in reality. Alluding to phobic behavior in describing real anger derived from genuine fears is naive at best and should be construed as deliberate and planned disinformation at worst. Queer folks' fear and anxiety of hets is forged on actual events, has a basis in reality, ergo, no phobia, just palpable emotions. Hence heterophobia is incorrect, inaccurate and erroneous as a definition applied to tangible emotions felt by many if not most queer peoples.

As a description of behavior, one could say queers are fearful of hets, and be very accurate much of the time. Fact is, we, as sexual minorities, are denied basic human rights by the heterosexist majority. Consequently, if you ain't hurt or angry, or at some point in time felt hurt or angry, you just may be unconscious. Denial is one way to describe unconscious responses.

Using the term heterosexism is similar to using the term sexism. Sexism may only be applied as a description of the repression/oppression of women. Just as queers in this new enlightened age of the world would find it fundamentally impossible to be heterophobic as a result of their scantiness of power, neither can women be sexist. To be sure, women can be and many are, angry, prejudiced and demanding. Women as a group lack the means, the economic and legal power to suppress/oppress men. From whence did this dearth, this deficit of power procure? Sexism is a political delineation, a power definition. Sexism was circumscribed by feminists and as such was meant to be precise and definitive, to carry precise meaning of an unrestrained power imbalance. Consider if you will: the "popular" media may be owned and/or managed by those elements of the sexist majority who desire to modify and change the meaning of precise terms defining their role in oppression.

The question: What causes heterosexuality? must make you think. What kind of suppositions are contained in the statement? One supposition: there is a direct, traceable, simplistic root of "x," in this case heterosexuality. Is there causality for identification, or a system of beliefs? Who benefits from, who reaps profit, rewards from, heterosexuality? Can you conceive of a rational response to these questions without having a psychotic break? Many must retain a rigid, narrow cultural identity. Some however will step outside their "dominant" culture and encapsulate some other high-profile queer possibilities.

So to "reclaim" queer I offer some synonyms: unconventional, curious, eccentric, weird, strange, singular, unusually different. What marvelous terms of description. To be strange, one of the unusual, the extraordinary. What a wonderful feeling, to exhibit qualities not shared by "others," to mystify the het majority.

Who in their right brain would want to be the antithesis of queer, to be *ordinary, conventional?* Who would want to conform or adhere to accepted standards of conduct or taste? Who would succumb to common agreement established by matter-of-course consent or accepted usage arbitrarily determined? Who would be ordinary rather than different, vapid rather than original? Perhaps Dion B. Sanders of Berkeley, that ancient 38-year-old reactionary sage of "older generation gays and lesbians." Sorry, that last was mean-spirited, spiteful, even cruel, especially coming from this young left-wing idealist. (I'm 43.)

I prefer queer. I am queer. I prefer dyke. I prefer radical. I prefer epithets, intense words, words of raw emotion. I own them. I change them. I refine them. I define my identity. I make these words work for *me.* I have that power.

I imagine for many folks some terms may be extreme anchors for great hurts. For surely great hurts trod oh so closely on the heels of great and massive anger. It is truth: *words, many times, hurt.* Language is largely injunctive, rather than communicative. Such may have been language's original intent, to command. What we do to change the power these words have over us is of grave importance, literally. You are what you think. You are what you feel. You have choices. If you let 'em do it to you in the past, take control of your own life now! Your decision. Mistress your terms, acquire the language of power. Organize, study, learn, question, speak out, challenge, support, resist, love one another, help someone else up, seize power and use it for the good of all sexual minorities, including hets.

Yours in struggle, nurture, love and victory,

Tala Candra Brandeis
San Francisco

Who Is Jean Harris?

It was with a great deal of interest that I read the comments in the *Chronicle* on Jan. 7 from Jean Harris, Mayor Frank Jordan's new staff person representing the lesbian/gay community. One can only wonder if Ms. Harris has any common sense at all in attacking her boss publicly before she even takes office. But the thing that troubles me most is that Mayor Jordan seems to think Ms. Harris represents the lesbian community. As a lesbian, this offends me. Everything I've ever read about Jean Harris has shown that she is obnoxious, confrontational, immature and has her own agenda. This woman does not represent the overwhelming majority of lesbians or anyone else. Look how she destroyed the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club. If this is what Mayor Jordan thinks of our community, it's a sad day for all of us.

Laura Gala
San Francisco

On To Sacramento

I hope that Supervisor Carole Migden and Cleve Jones take on the Democratic establishment. These folks are hardly friends because they stand in the way of lesbian and gay self-representation.

Let 1992 be the year that we elect open lesbians and gay men to the California State Legislature. It's high time we were there in Sacramento to take care of business.

Ron Brathwaite
San Francisco

In Defense of T.J. Anthony

An open letter to the Bay Area Reporter:

It is questionable journalism for Michael Botkin (*B.A.R.*, 12/19/91) to attribute to anonymous sources in ACT UP as labeling T.J. Anthony as one of a group of "traditional gay hacks" not concerned with AIDS issues. My long-term observations of T.J.'s consistent efforts in our community reflect just the opposite. He has been a courageous trailblazer struggling *against* misogyny and establishment myopia.

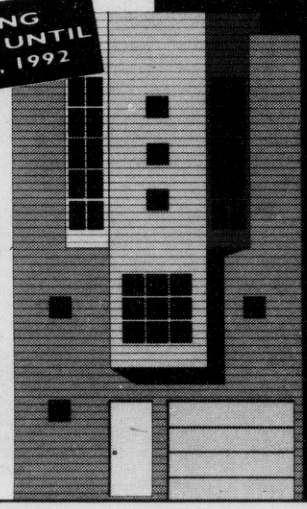
He was a founding member of AIDS Action Pledge, which became ACT UP of San Francisco. T.J. has been arrested well over a dozen times in AIDS-related demonstrations alone. No one in ACT

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UP seems to know where these remarks attributed to them came from. T.J. was active in saving the AIDS/ARC Vigil in U.N. Plaza from being dismantled. T.J. wrote the "Catastrophic Sick Leave Law," which gives city workers with AIDS as much as two years of salary and benefits. He is currently writing the new "AIDS Needle Exchange Program" for the City, at the request of some members of the SF Board of Supervisors and the incoming mayor. It was T.J. Anthony who almost single-handedly got the SF Board of Supervisors (through then Supervisor Richard Hongisto) to pass a resolution creating the first SF "AIDS Early Intervention Center"; he is now working to add a medical component to the Center.

T.J. Anthony has fought *for* the insufficiently recognized human rights of non-mainstream, marginalized and idealistic folks in the community. To Mr. Botkin: We are entitled to *less* misinformation and to *more* objective reportage.

Bob Basker
San Francisco

SF Tenants Union to Mayor Jordan

Your election as the 40th Mayor of San Francisco comes at a critical time for the tenants who form the majority of the population of this city. The national recession is hitting hard the working people who make up the bulk of the renter majority, as they struggle to survive and to pay the rents in this, the most expensive of rental markets for any American big city. The San Francisco Tenants Union can only applaud your stated intention to build bridges, and to represent, include and involve all sectors of the city—this means tenants as well as homeowners and landlords—in your administration.

In 1992 the SF Tenants Union will begin its 22nd year as San Francisco's oldest and biggest citywide tenant organization, offering counseling and fighting for the rights of all tenants, including yourself. Previous administrations have fallen short, far short in many cases, in dealing with both the preservation of existing affordable housing, and the expansion of the supply. We can only hope, and we will work to insure that in the future, past failures will not be repeated. The homeless on the streets, and the many possible future homeless—now paying excessive portions of their incomes on rent—are the sad result of the same sad old policies.

The SF Tenants Union has always felt that the Rent Control Law should apply to all units in the City without exception. And of course we support the extension of rent control to units constructed since 1979—as you have wisely pledged to support. We intend to do all that we can to eliminate this irrational loophole as soon as possible in 1992. Continuing with this inclusive philosophy, we hope that you would support the elimination of the owner-occupied exemption for buildings with four units or less. Here too, as with newly constructed buildings, we have tenants asking us on a daily basis why they are discriminated against—in these cases merely because of the size of the building. There are currently 60,000 units in these small buildings, or over 28 percent of all units in the City. The tenants in these buildings either have absolutely no protections against arbitrary evictions or rent increases, or are in grave danger of being placed in that position merely because of an owner move-in.

The race for mayor unfortunately left many tenants with the fear that the Rent Stabilization Board would now be packed with commissioners inimical to their interests, and that the tenant protections of the Rent Law would be rolled back by the Rent Board via policy and regulation changes. We want to believe that this is not, and will not be, the intention of your administration; the election certainly produced no such mandate. Indeed, with the exception of vacancy control (over which we may continue to disagree) we read the election results to favor the continuation and indeed the improvement of a vitally necessary rent law, and the overwhelming rejection of any tampering with the present Condo Conversion law.

There are, of course, many other issues of interest to the San Francisco Tenants Union that we will want to communicate to you about over the next four years, and you can be certain that we will.

Michael Harney
Chair, SF Tenants Union Legislative Committee

Presidential Candidates' Track Records

As we move into 1992 and focus our attention on the presidential candidates, I hope we look beyond image alone to examine the candidates' track records on fairness for lesbian/gay rights. The reason I say that is that I just saw a straw poll of gay voters in a northeastern state who, operating on his image as the liberals' liberal, opted for Tom Harkin. They probably assumed he'd therefore be good on gay rights, which doesn't happen to be the case.

But there are several Democratic candidates who do have strong positions on lesbian/gay rights. In fact, former Senator Paul Tsongas was the first sponsor of the National Lesbian/Gay Civil Rights bill at a time when we couldn't even get liberals such as Kennedy and Cranston to seriously consider sponsoring the bill. And he not only sponsored the bill but actually worked hard for its advancement. He feels he's proven his commitment and has a right to turn to gay and lesbian voters now.

However, some may not believe his candidacy is going anywhere and would therefore be reluctant to support him (imagine where we would be if he'd followed the same principle on our legislation). For those that want to opt for "more viable choices" there's Senator Kerrey and Governor Bill Clinton. While Senator Kerrey showed a lack of taste in telling a lesbian joke, most didn't see it as anti-gay per se. Perhaps more importantly, he spoke out years ago in support of non-discrimination for lesbians and gay men as a Lincoln, Neb., human rights commissioner and, in fact, he had his support for gay rights used against him in the subsequent governor's race. Clinton, while a Southerner who has moderate and conservative support, has taken a strong position on gay rights and has spoken out on a number of occasions, including in opposition to discrimination in the military.

Which brings us back to the tell-it-like-it-is liberal, Senator Tom Harkin. Harkin has consistently refused to co-sponsor the National Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill at least five times during his years in Congress. Each time, he's acted as if it was the first time the issue was ever brought up to him. In fact, attempts to get him to break his silence have brought only angry outbursts by him. During his 17-year tenure, more than 160 Members of Congress have found the guts to stand up and oppose anti-gay discrimination by becoming co-sponsors. Where was Tom Harkin?

Despite his refusal to speak out, ending job and housing discrimination against lesbians and gay men, Harkin and his backers try to create a picture that Harkin's been a real leader on AIDS funding. Insiders repeatedly tell a different story of a Harkin who's been drug in kicking and screaming on AIDS—and then taken credit because he knows most activists have no idea and gay lobbyists don't dare stand up to him. There've even been reports that if he continues to be hassled on gay rights, he'll get us on AIDS funding.

While national liberal groups that officially support lesbian/gay rights have nonetheless endorsed Harkin, I think we can only conclude that while Tom Harkin may be a man of principle, non-discrimination against gays just isn't one of them. His failure to speak out and his more recent smoke screens and outbursts at gay activists who have the audacity to demand he end his silence make me wonder whether Harkin is a coward or just a bigot?

Tom Harkin sure isn't alone. Many other very liberal House and Senate members continue to remain silent. And they won't speak out and we won't pass job and housing protection unless all of us stop taking crumbs off their plates and demand that they do so. Contrary to perception, it was *only* in the presidential campaign that we could even get him to give the most equivocal statement opposing discrimination.

And that happened while his people threatened that if we persisted, he'd build political points by standing up to the "special interests"—namely gay rights! Does that sound like a friend of gay rights? With Harkin claiming to be a liberal unafraid to speak out on all the cutting issues, does his silence suggest he's just afraid of the political consequences or is it more basic? Is he just a homophobe?

Eleven years after the national Democratic Party includes a lesbian/gay rights plank and almost nine after cautious former Vice President Mondale spoke out clearly, if we let liberals like Harkin remain silent, we deserve what we'll surely get.

While I've been a life-long liberal and usually think lesbian/gay concerns are more likely to be supported by Democrats than Republicans and liberals more than conservatives, we now must look both at the candidates' records *and* use the upcoming primaries and caucuses to improve their understanding of the issues and their positions. We must hold Harkin and all the other candidates accountable. If we don't make lesbian/gay rights a high enough priority on our agenda and insist that they speak out meaningfully, they'll continue to duck and dodge and we'll get what we deserve.

I've spent most of my life as an "inside player" committed to incremental progress, serving as the community's first lobbyist to Congress—but we can all see the power of protest. I only hope that many of those who've protested so effectively on AIDS and against discrimination such as Wilson's in California will again mobilize around the presidential primaries. To not protest Harkin's silence would send a horrible message to the rest of the political establishment in general and the Democratic Party in specific—a message that we won't insist on our rights and that, despite our rhetoric, we don't really make advancing lesbian/gay civil rights legislation a priority. And we must use this opportunity to get Senator Kerrey and Governor Clinton to also strengthen and clarify their positions.

Steve Endean
Washington, D.C.

Abortion and the Wrath of God

Recently, a series of articles appeared in a San Francisco newspaper which related in heart-wrenching detail the plight of homeless and welfare families. Amy, a single mother of four children, is described as a "proud lady," tall and sturdy looking, but possessing a body which is wracked with physical and emotional pain: cancer of the cervix and uterus, tumor behind her left eye, anemic, four Caesarean sections, Bells Palsy, and a bout with pneumonia. Her daughter, Nella, has severe asthma; Antoinette has bronchitis and emotional problems; Jay, age 3, has a heart murmur and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome—he's hooked up to a machine during a good part of the day; Jay's brother, Tony, aged 12, was attacked by three pit bulls when he was five—400 stitches later, the doctors declared it a miracle that he survived.

On the next page of the *Chronicle* was an article about the clinic-bombing activities of fanatic anti-abortionists. The juxtaposition of the two articles begs the questions: What in the hell motivates fanatic anti-abortionists? Is it to escape reality? Are they directing their energy at the unborn fetus to avoid involvement with the Amys, Nellas, Antoinettes and Jays already born? Should not those shockingly disadvantaged children and the hundreds of millions similarly or even more dramatically disadvantaged throughout the world be the primary concern of us all?

A few days later, while listening to the car radio, I was startled by the shouting of an obviously overzealous "Christian" radio evangelist: "Satan has been allowed to strut his stuff again—God is aghast and will punish us all for the 25,000,000 abortions which Americans have performed since Roe v. Wade was instituted—the abortion industry must be stopped or God will continue to vent his wrath on each of us." The evangelist's voice reached an even higher pitch as he continued his diatribe. I turned the volume down to reflect a moment.

That's certainly not *my* God he's ranting and raving about. *His* God takes vengeance. I like to think of "God" as a loving phenomenon who graciously bestows the gift of life, ability to reason, and a free will on human beings—a kind of ideal parent figure who gives us life and provides a medium in which we can establish and adhere to self-determined basic values, and then presents the challenge to survive. God does not know what I will do or how I will do it. That is my responsibility—mine alone. It's called "free will." Conversely, the evangelist's God knows all, controls all, and punishes transgressors.

How could our will be free if God has control over us and knows for what we are destined? No—my God gives us life and then expects us to make the best of it. That's free will—not the bondage of which the evangelist speaks.

I turn the volume of the car radio up again, curious as to what the evangelist's next proclamation will be. He continues with the threat of God's vengeance. Oh, what a sadist this God must be! Talk about deeds worthy of punishment. If we were to carry the evangelist's "reasoning" further, we would declare his God the most flagrant aborter of all! Billions of miscarriages, not induced by man or woman, have occurred over the ages; millions of babies have died at birth or soon after, not because of our intervention, but because of the intervention of his God. The number of abortions and infant deaths resulting from human action pales in comparison to the number which have occurred "naturally." And when the incalculable numbers of sperm and eggs that have failed to unite also is considered, it becomes obvious that whether we attribute these losses to the evangelist's God, my God or any other deity, the saving of unborn life is not and never has been considered top priority. No, survival of the "fittest" or more likely, survival of the randomly selected, is

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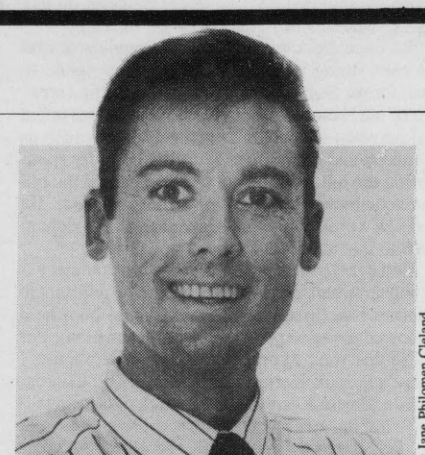
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BY TIM KINGSTON

By now the lesson of corporate mentality should be clear: Don't leave letters on the company's printer if you're queer! Michael Thomasson alleges he got a rude awakening—and a lesson in corporate morality—when Bank of America fired him shortly after they discovered his letter to a friend. The letter stated that he was moonlighting as a gay stripper at the Nob Hill Cinema.

Thomasson, formerly a senior legal secretary with Bank of America, is fighting back. He has hired local gay attorney Paul Wotman, who is renowned for his ability to garner media attention, especially on behalf of gay civil rights plaintiffs. On Jan. 6 Wotman filed a million-dollar suit plus punitive damages against Bank of America amidst a barrage of publicity in the gay and straight press.

Thomasson sees the case as "a way of vindicating myself and showing that laws can work to protect people." He says, "I wanted Bank of America to know they could not infringe on my rights.... They thought I would be ashamed of coming forward."

The lawsuit alleges that Bank of America violated the former legal secretary's right to privacy as well as his constitutional right to free expression and, furthermore, constituted employment discrimination based on sexual orientation under recent court interpretations of the California labor code.

"Bank of America violated Michael Thomasson's right to privacy by using information that he is gay and was engaged in these activities at the Nob Hill," charges Wotman. "His office used off-the-job personal activities to terminate him." Wotman asserts the case is similar to a suit against Shell Oil, where the company also used private documents accidentally discovered at work to fire a gay employee.

Wotman also believes Thomasson's case is the first attempt to enact the Bane Act. This act prohibits private California companies from violating any individual's civil rights that are guaranteed under either the California or federal constitution. "Bank of America fired him for exotic dancer/stripper activities, which I believe are a form of free expression," says Wotman.

So far, Bank of America is keeping mum. Corporate spokesperson Peter Magnani says he has no comment on the allegations listed in the lawsuit: "We just have not had a chance to look at it yet and respond."

CORPORATE FIELD TRIPS OR SNEAKY SURVEILLANCE?

While the corporation refuses to discuss the case, Thomasson's lawsuit alleges that Bank of America employee Michael De Angelis unwittingly proved that the termination was a direct result of Thomasson's part-time stripping. Thomasson asserts that De Angelis marched into a nearby coffeeshop and told the waitress—a friend of Thomasson's—of the whole incident. Thomasson further alleges that De Angelis specifically said to the waitress, "Can you believe he was doing that?" Also according to Thomasson's account, De Angelis was disgusted with Thomasson's activities and confided to the waitress that this "was the largest part of why they fired" Thomasson.

As if that were not enough, Thomasson says the waitress swore in a written deposition that De Angelis told her that several Bank of America employees tried to go see Thomasson strip at the Nob Hill Cinema. Thomasson says, "In at least three instances, groups of men and women came in asking when Adam Lorvick [Thomasson's stage name] would be performing next. After I was fired I never went back, because I knew they were going there looking for me.... They had humiliated me enough."

"I am unable to comment," replied De Angelis when contacted by *SF Bay Times* about his alleged remarks.

THE SCARLET LETTER

The trouble all began when Thomasson was out sick with the flu, and Carol Cuacus, one of his superiors, discovered a letter detailing two big events in Thomasson's life: coming out to his parents and working as a stripper.

By the time Thomasson got back to work, everyone seemed to know about the letter, and their attitudes had changed. "I was getting a lot of antagonism from people who used to say 'good morning' to me. They were sneering at me. I knew they found out and they did not like it. It never crossed my mind that they would fire me for that. It was as if I was giving off some sort of foul odor." Then his workload started to dry up. Prior to the letter being discovered, Thomasson says he was receiving constant commendations on his work. And only three months before being fired, Thomasson received a letter from senior management congratulating him on his work and receiving a maximum merit pay increase.

On June 28 Thomasson was called into a meeting with several senior management executives who presented him with a document alleging poor work performance. They fired him then and there. When Thomasson protested that this contradicted all his other job performance reports, they ended the meeting and had a security guard escort him immediately out of the building.

The two senior Bank of America employees Thomasson contends were most responsible for his termination refused to comment: Mark Gyorg, Bank of America's senior tax counsel, and Philip Plant, the corporation's assistant tax counsel.

FIGHTING DISCRIMINATION OR COURTING DISASTER?

Thomasson's case is one of a slew of anti-discrimination suits filed since Gov. Wilson vetoed AB101, arguing that legislation prohibiting sexual-orientation discrimination would increase the workload of the courts.

Paul Di Donato, an attorney with the AIDS Legal Referral Panel, says he is pleased that more sexual-orientation lawsuits than ever before are being brought before the courts. "At some level it disproves Wilson's statement that there would be more litigation if AB101 passed. Another reason that it is good is that employer discrimination is being covered [in the press]." Di Donato says

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Channel 4 Attacks NAMBLA's 1st Amendment Rights

BY J.C. PURDUE



According to spokesperson Marcia Schneider, the San Francisco Public Library will continue to allow the North American Man/Boy Love Association to use its facilities for its monthly meetings once they bring their application up to date, despite public controversy created by a Channel 4 report on the group's use of library facilities.

NAMBLA's use of a meeting room in the Potrero Hill children's library was the subject of a sensationalistic Target 4 "investigation." KRON ran it as the lead story three nights in a row, Jan. 13-15, prompting concerned parents to call for a meeting with library officials.

"It's unfortunate the way it has been portrayed on television," Schneider says. "It's a difficult position for the library to have to uphold First Amendment rights for such a controversial group, but the library has a responsibility to have open and equal access." She says the library has been swamped with calls, with all but a few urging the library to throw NAMBLA out. "People are going on about kidnapping boys and child prostitution rings and snuff movies ... stop the rape of our children, and such," she said.

The Channel 4 report featured footage of a NAMBLA meeting in an upstairs room interspersed with footage of children using the library facilities downstairs, and a voice-over implying that the men at the meetings were a threat to the children.

On the second night of coverage, announcer Greg Lyon said many gays had called the station to criticize the segment, with about half complaining that the segment reflected badly on the gay community, and the other half saying that NAMBLA was not part of the gay community. The second night's coverage featured Lyon barging into the meeting asking questions while members quickly covered their faces or left the room. "It didn't look to us like they had nothing to hide," Lyon says on voice-over.

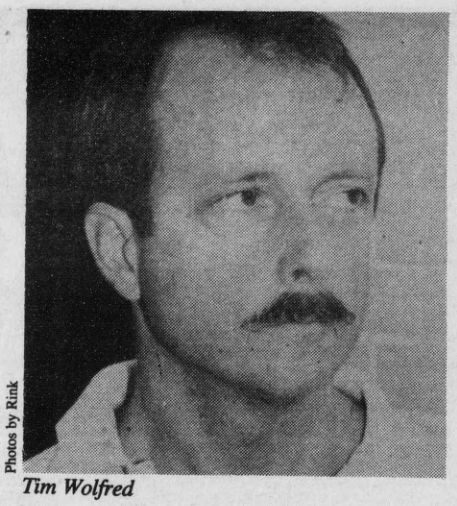
"The gay community seems to forget that in the 1950s the Mattachine Society met behind closed doors and were afraid to have their faces shown on camera," commented one former NAMBLA member.

According to NAMBLA's Alan Davis, "The premise of the show was completely false. We have never advocated sex with children. We are the most investigated group in the country. If we were doing something wrong, it would be out by now." Instead, Davis said, NAMBLA is a support and public information group that advocates abolishing the age of consent laws, which he claims have been used primarily as a tool for prosecuting

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Political Dogs Nip At Britt's Heels As Resignation Rumors Circulate

BY TIM KINGSTON



Photos by Rink

Tim Wolfred



T.J. Anthony



Paul Wotman

Well, is he or isn't he? Ever since Frank Jordan's inauguration, the rumor mill at City Hall has been working overtime on whether or not Board of Supervisors' President Harry Britt will resign, and the telephone lines are burning with talk of just who might be named as Britt's replacement. All this speculation continues unabated, despite firm denials from both Britt's office and other Supervisors who say that Britt has no intention of resigning soon.

Nevertheless, several names are being discussed as a possible replacement, both within the Mayor's office and in the community as a whole. Leading the pack is gay activist and former Hongisto aide T.J. Anthony, vice-chair of the new administration's transition-team subcommittee on Health and Human Services. Anthony, however, states firmly, "I have not had any discussion on this issue at all with the Jordan administration."

Several other sources state that Anthony *is* canvassing support for a Supervisor's appointment, an allegation he flatly denies. Dana Van Gorder, aide to Supervisor Migden, confirms that Anthony and Migden discussed the possibility of a seat on the Board of Supervisors for Anthony, on Jan. 14. Van Gorder adds that Migden "did say she was not prepared to commit" to supporting Anthony or any other candidate. Supervisor Jim Gonzales told *SF Bay Times*, "I have heard that if [there] was a vacancy, that T.J. was interested." Gonzales says Anthony arranged an appointment with him on Jan. 16 to discuss Anthony's interest in landing a position on the Board.

Former Britt aide Jean Harris, the Mayor's liaison for neighborhoods, says that while Britt has told her he will not be resigning, she says, "I made sure [Britt] and T.J. met. I know T.J. is interested in becoming a Supervisor, and the only answer Harry [Britt] could give is that 'I am not resigning right now.' I think Harry could support T.J. if [Britt] had to leave."

Another name under consideration is Tim Wolfred, San Francisco Community College Board (CCB) President, who says, "I am definitely interested" in a seat on the Board. Wolfred was already pulling together a low-key organizing effort for the upcoming election in November. Wolfred is favored by Britt and other progressive gay politicos, including School Board vice president Tom Ammiano, as an electable candidate. But others say it is unlikely Wolfred will be picked for a seat on the Board by the Jordan camp, because they see him as too closely tied to the former Agnos administration.

Paul Wotman, a high-profile gay rights attorney, is also gathering support for a run at the appointment. Robert Barnes, of the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, supports Wotman, among others. Other names being tossed around are: Ralph Payne, political vice president of the Stonewall Gay Democratic Club, executive director of the SF Apartment Owners Association; Jean Harris; Cleve Jones, founder of the Names Project; James Fang, BART Board member and chair of the transition-team economic group; and Pat Norman, community activist and three-time candidate for Supervisor.

The Mayor's office is officially keeping quiet, and Chris Bowman—speaking unofficially—denies that the Mayor has a short list of candidates to be appointed if Britt resigns.

Bowman says there are at least four additional candidates, over and above those already mentioned, but he would not divulge their names. Bowman also says that he would like to see a previously underrepresented group of gays and lesbians be "empowered"; that is, the moderate-to-conservative individuals who are members of such groups as the Golden Gate Business Association, the Non Partisan Alliance and the Log Cabin Clubs. Given the nature of the Jordan administration, his recommendations may just become reality.

Cleve Jones argues that it would be a smart move for the new Mayor to appoint a gay man in the political tradition of Milk or Britt. Jones says it "would send a very powerful message to the gay/lesbian community that they are, in fact, included in Frank Jordan's future for San Francisco."

SF Bay Times was unable to obtain any official comment from the Mayor's office, as he was tied up with the loss of the Giants to San Jose.

WHAT ABOUT HARRY?

Rumors about Britt's imminent departure have circulated for the past year or so. But the last round of innuendo may have been sparked by Britt's last-minute attempt, just before Jordan's inauguration, to sneak Tim Wolfred onto the Board so Britt could resign and guarantee a gay man a place on the Board.

"Up until, virtually, the very last minute, Harry's resignation was considered imminent, so that Art would appoint Tim Wolfred," says Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg. "Only Harry knows for his own reasons why he did not do it."

Britt was unavailable for comment, having left San Francisco late on Jan. 13 for South Texas to take care of his critically ill mother. Rick Ruvulo, Britt's legislative aide, says Britt is on a leave of absence from the Board until February to deal with his mother's illness. "We are proceeding. It is business as usual," says Ruvulo. "We will do the best job we can till he makes a decision about his future. He has not made that decision yet."

Gonzales spoke to Britt on Monday, Jan. 13—the day Britt left town. Gonzales says Britt stated that "if for some reason his mother passed away, he would be inheriting family responsibilities that would create a situation where he would have to resign."

Supervisors Angela Alioto, Terence Hallinan and Carole Migden all expressed surprise at the rumors of Britt's impending resignation.

Supervisor Hallinan hopes Britt will hang on until at least November, "so that we will have a shot at having a liberal on the Board." But Hallinan worrys that Britt seems to "be going downhill so much. He is missing meetings and not staying on top of what is going on." He adds that Britt's voting and attendance record have "been terrible even before his mother's illness. It has been poor."

But few are willing to make definite bets on Britt's plans. As Lester Olmstead Rose, Alioto's administrative assistant, says, "Harry Britt always talks about leaving, and the rumors are heating up now. I'll believe it when I see the resignation letter on the desk or [when] his name is not on the filing papers for the next election."

THE CONTENDERS

The degree of readiness and willingness among those now being discussed as possible replacements for Britt's position, varies wildly: from chomping at the bit with power-mad lust to outright rejection of the idea.

While T.J. is the rumored front runner for the potential seat, Paul Wotman is running a close second. According to Supervisor Gonzales, Wotman approached him on Jan. 15 to discuss a position on the Board. Robert Barnes says that Wotman's previous run at the CCB, where he won several thousand votes, should stand him in good stead. Barnes also notes that Wotman has experience with the Golden Gate Business Association, and the Neighborhood District Council of Small Merchants—both business groups that should appeal to the capitalistic tendencies of the new regime. Wotman did not return *SF Bay Times* phone calls.

Despite the fact Jean Harris' name has been passed around as a possible candidate, she says, "No way! There are already two white lesbians on the Board." Harris says being on the Board is not her area of expertise, because she says she is better at being a "shit-stirrer." Harris is quite happy where she is. She is pleased Jordan appointed her in spite of her self-described reputation as a "dynamite keg that can go off at any time."

Harris asserts, "I got this job because the gay and lesbian community is organized. We are out in the streets demanding our rights. You guys put me here. You guys are the ones who created the monster!"

Ralph Payne says that he has been contacted by "many people" and was told that he "would be considered" as a possible appointee, but he declined to say if the Mayor's office was among those who had contacted him.

Of the other contenders, Cleve Jones' name is beginning to be heard more frequently. Jones thinks the whole controversy is a result of "the rumor mill going into overdrive, [which] is approaching warp speed." But when asked if he would be interested in taking such a seat, were it offered, Jones went coy, saying "Interested? I am interested in a wide range of things."

There is one thing that all the factions agree on: "It is absolutely essential that that seat be retained by a gay man," says Jones. "Because, first of all, for the historical fact that this was the seat first occupied by Harvey Milk. And secondly, it is important for gay men to be represented on the Board of Supervisors for the same reason it is important for lesbian women to be represented."



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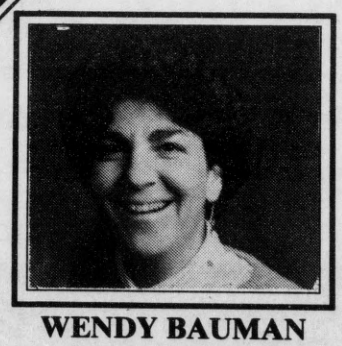
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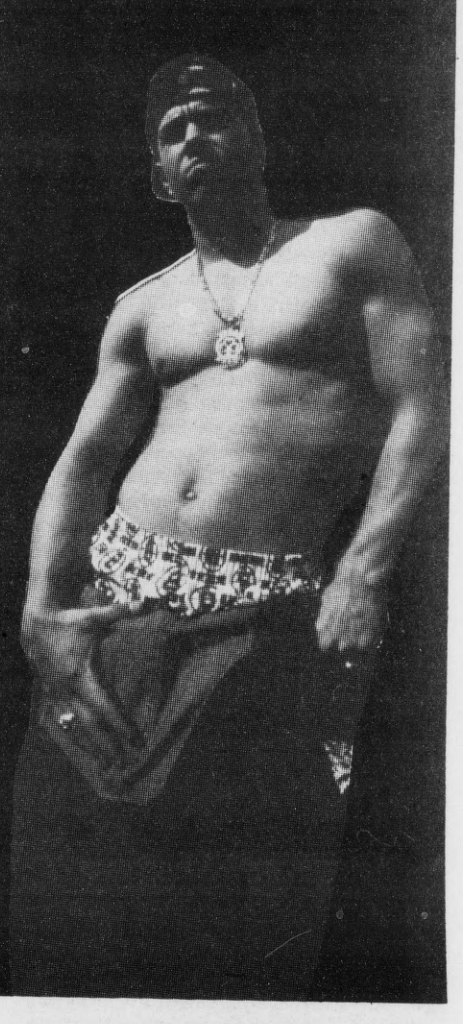
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Marky Mark in brief(s)

BY DAVE FORD



"Marky" Mark Wahlberg's deep homeboy drawl has nearly disappeared amidst the crackling static of a failing cellular telephone. "Are you still getting me?" he frets. Riding a tour bus from Syracuse to Albany, N.Y., where he'll perform that night, the 20-year-old rapper sounds genuinely concerned that our phone interview will crash to a premature close. "You've got me till this damn phone shuts down," he says.

Increasing numbers of fans have been "getting" Wahlberg, younger brother of New Kid on the Block Donnie, in the past nine months. (Marky Mark was actually a New Kid himself—for six months, when he was 13.) His debut 1991 LP, *Music for the People* (produced by Donnie), is still steadily climbing the charts, powered by the ripping club anthem "Good Vibrations"—featuring a sample of Loleatta Holloway's 1980 disco smash, "Love Sensation"—and the more somber single "Wildside," a '90s take on Lou Reed's 1973 "Walk on the Wild Side." Wahlberg says he's just completed a video shoot for the third single, "I Need Money."

A street breakdancer at 12 and a subsequent high school dropout in working-class Boston, Marky Mark often ran afoul of the law as a street tough. After straightening out at a neighborhood "youth collaborative," he got serious about a music career. Now, he stresses a message of "positivity"—which, after wowing New Kids fans with it as an opening act in Europe late last year, he's taking on the road in the United States, with the help of a six-piece band and the Funky Bunch: a co-gender, bi-racial dancer-and-rapper posse. They'll hit San Francisco in March.

Marky Mark is also a refreshing blend of contradictions: He's a practicing Catholic who nonetheless offers a safe sex lesson in his show. A shot in photographer Lynn Goldsmith's 1990 New Kids coffee table book shows Mark kissing brother Donnie full on the mouth, and quotes Donnie as saying, "I'm not afraid of homosexuality... I'm not one, but... I know who and what I am, so it doesn't matter if I go up to a guy friend and hug him." When I suggest that's a positive message to put out to confused teenagers, Marky Mark assents: "It's a very powerful statement."

Wahlberg the Younger works out religiously, only in part to face the road's rigors: It has not escaped fans' notice that he has what might be understatedly called "a nice body." But unlike calculated MTV male "bimbos" like, say, Gerardo, Marky Mark appears fabulously uninhibited: In a now semi-legendary half-time performance of "Good Vibrations" on last fall's MTV Rock 'n' Roll B-Ball Jam, Mark dropped his big black jeans and furiously flounced around in his Fruit of the Looms. The stunt was quirky and hilarious, hardly the sort of thing you'd expect from self-serious, bare-chested rappers like C+C Music Factory's Freedom Williams or LL Cool J.

In person—at least over long-distance wires—Marky Mark is sweet and considerate. He repeatedly offers suggestions for coping with the frazzling phone. He's unconsciously solicitous: Every few sentences he adds, "You know what I mean?" And he's endearingly candid about everything from gays to... well, to his favorite kind of underwear.

My sexual preference is for females, but I respect anybody for their sexual preference. I feel very comfortable around gay people.

(SF Bay Times) You're aware that I work for a gay and lesbian newspaper, right?

(Marky Mark) Uh huh.

Did you agree to do this interview, or did your people set it up for you?

They can't make me do nothin' I don't wanna do. I have no problems with doing it.

What prompted you to talk to the gay press?

Nothin', really. I like to talk to anybody—especially people who are enjoying my music. From the looks of my shows, I have a predominantly female audience, but there have been a lot of males. And I have been approached by a lot of gay males who have mentioned their interest in my music, and stuff like that.

Nah, nah, not at all. I mean, if I liked a girl, I wouldn't want the girl...(STATIC) The thing with gay men is...(STATIC)



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A recent Teen Beat *article wondered, "What's wrong with Marky Mark—he doesn't have a girlfriend." Does that bother you?*

That's what they gotta do to sell magazines. It's the only thing they can write about—what's your favorite food and your favorite color, and what kind of girls you like.

I don't have *time* for a girlfriend right now. I'm involved in business right now, in promoting my record and myself—getting people to respond to my record in the way that I've always wanted them to. In the same way my *friends* used to respond to my music, you know what I mean? It's just on a widespread level, now.

Your music is really inclusive, and it seems like hip-hop culture is about oppressed minorities. That can feel empowering for gay people. Plus, "Good Vibrations" was a huge *gay club hit.*

Yeah. And Loleatta Holloway is very popular in the gay community.

Right. How did you find her?

We didn't even know her. When we sampled "Love Sensation," we had to clear it. I got an opportunity to meet with her, and we just hit it off so well that we decided to go on tour for a while. I'm very glad I had an opportunity to help her out, like she helped me.

Did you have any gay friends when you were growing up?

Ahhh, yes I did. I don't know how they would feel about me mentioning their sexual preferences, so I don't know if it would be a great idea to mention it.

I don't want names, *or anything. I'm just saying you were aware of gay people as you were growing up, right?*

Oh, *yeah*. Uh huh.

And I imagine there are lots of gay people you deal with in the music industry as well.

Definitely.

How does it feel to know guys are hot for you? Does that bother you at all?

Mark, can you hear me? I'm totally *losing you.*

You're not getting me at all?

I lost your whole last answer.

Shit.

Wait... now you sound great. Go ahead.

Like I said, I'm glad that gay people are so free with their words, and they're not hiding, or scared to show their emotions. If I were gay, I wouldn't want to have to hold it in, you know? Just like if I were to meet a girl and I really liked her, you know, I would approach her and at least let her know the way I felt—so it's cool with me when guys do it, you know what I mean?

My sexual preference is for females, but I respect anybody for their sexual preference. And gay people are probably the most harmless people, and would never try to do anything to hurt you, you know what I mean? Which is good. I feel very comfortable around gay people.

Being a singing star, if you were gay, would you come out?

I think I would have to. I don't like to hide anything inside.

There are a lot of gay people in music who are in the closet because they feel like they would lose fans, or their career.

Yeah. I understand that as well. But I'm much more involved in free speech, and letting my emotions out, than hiding them inside. Like I said before, the fans are great, but they're going to relate to my music whether I'm a heterosexual or a homosexual.

PEER DROOP

One way that comes across is that you're real free with your body. Where did you get this whole idea of dropping your pants?

It was a spur-of-the-moment thing, man.

Where'd you first do it?

In L.A., at a show at Magic Mountain. I do this little thing where I take off my jacket and stuff, and my pants are *always* drooping, because I wear them oversized, so one day I just pulled them down.

What was the reaction of the Funky Bunch?

Everybody bugged out. Everybody was there—my manager, my brother—and they just freaked. Everyone onstage was just on the floor, laughing.

You did it again at the MTV B-Ball Jam.

Yeah—I just flipped out, you know. Like, I can be very serious at times, and I can be very crazy at times. I'm more or less a spur-of-the-moment kind of guy.

So it's not something you're afraid is gonna become a gimmick.

Naaah. But I've seen people on Club MTV pulling down their pants when they're dancing to my song!

People in gay clubs here do it all the time.

That's dope!

WE SEE LONDON, WE SEE FRANCE: WE SEE MARKY'S UNDERPANTS

I notice that in your early publicity shots, you wore boxer shorts with little Notre Dame insignias. But you perform in briefs. Is there any reason you switched?

Nah, nah, nah. In summertime, I wear boxer shorts *out*. I play basketball across from my house, and I just wear boxer shorts; they're comfortable. And whatever's clean at the time: if I know I'm gonna pull down my pants, I wanna wear clean underwear! (Laughs.)

Do you have any preference in briefs—BVD's, Hanes, Jockeys?

As a matter a fact, there are some new Calvin Kleins out, those cotton boxer bike-type shorts, which are really comfortable.

Those are getting popular here, too.

If I've got my underwear out and I'm dancing around, I don't want nuttin' to fall out the sides or nuttin'. Might get arrested. (Laughs.)

I was gonna ask you if anything embarrassing has ever happened when you pulled your pants down onstage.

Nah—not like *that*. I'm always very aware of... what's goin' *on* when I'm out there. (Laughs.)

NO HOLDS BAR-BELLED

What do you do on the road to stay in shape?

I hit the gym every day. I tell my road manager I have no problem doing anything, but as long as you get me in the gym an hour a day, you know, we can be the best of friends. It's important; I got to keep it up. I carry a cooler with me, and a blender with my powder, and all that stuff.

Do you work on certain things each day, or do you do a full workout every day?

I switch up. Like yesterday, I did my chest and my triceps. Then today I did my legs and my shoulders. I try not to get my body set to one certain program.

Do you box?

Yes, I do. We got some gloves and some headgear on the road; we're always sparring.

Do you work on a bag at the gym?

Wellll, you hardly ever find a gym that has a bag. Especially the modern gyms, you know what I mean? Every once in a while you'll find an older gym which has a nice set-up of heavy bags and speed bags and stuff like that, which is good.

When did you start working out?

I've been working out for just about a year, steady, every day. I used to do it not very seriously when I was younger, off and on—a month here, two months there.

I understand you dropped out of school for a while and had some trouble when you were growing up. Is working out part of getting yourself back on track?

Definitely. Everything positive I do is pointing me in the right direction. Working out helps me stay focused and concentrate, and it's something that I believe in—and I see improvement and positive reactions from it.

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Your message is really anti-drug, so I assume you don't do drugs.

True—although I have experienced it in my time.

Well, sometimes coming to a point of no drugs is better if you've already gone through it.

Definitely. Who should have the right to preach about it if they don't know what it can do to you, and what it's like to do it? I still don't *preach* about it, but I know what it's like, and that's why I'm strongly against it. It's not like I'm on the anti-drug movement, you know, but I'm just a positive person who has a positive outlook on life, who has experimented with it and is against it. I'm just letting kids know the alternatives, you know. They're still gonna do what they wanna do, but if you can make them more aware of what can happen and what the outcomes can be, then that's at least doing something.

And I'm only one person. I'm trying to better my environment as opposed to saying, "Well, I'm gonna stop drugs across the whole world"—which would be just a bullshit statement. To better my environment is a *start*—something to build from.

MASS CULTURE

You were recently confirmed in the Catholic Church. Do you go to church regularly?

I go to mass whenever I can—although it's very hard, on the road. My parish priest is a very close friend of mine and of my family's. He came over and hung out with us for a few days in Europe, and we had confirmation, then confession, then we had mass in the room with my brother and other people from the tour.

Do you feel like there's any conflict between what you're doing and traditional Catholic beliefs?

I think I do some upsetting things that my priest doesn't like all that much. Like dropping my pants—he bought me a belt for Christmas! (Laughs.)

But dropping your pants doesn't even seem as much sexual as it is playful.

Yeah, it was just a funny thing. Actually, I don't do it in my show any more. Although when I come out for my slow song, I come out with just my boxer shorts and a robe, and I do this big safe sex thing. We've got this big condom thing, and this big talk at the end—just to let people know that if you are going to engage in sexual activity, please know that you are protected, and that your partner is as well. There are a lot of people dying over something that's so pleasureful.

I guess I don't have to tell you that's been the case in the gay community for years and years. I just lost another friend last week—

(Dolefully.) I'm sorry to hear that.

Thanks. Thanks a lot. What's upsetting is that teenagers of whatever sexual preference aren't getting the safe sex message because some adults find the language difficult. I'm afraid we're gonna lose a lot of people, and that seems sad.

It *is* sad—it's *very* sad.

So I'm glad to hear you're doing that in your show—although you're gonna have a lot of disappointed fans, when you come to San Francisco, if you don't drop your pants.

Oh, but I do *better* than dropping my pants—I take 'em *off*! They're *gone*. So it's even *better*!

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Why is Michelangelo Signorile out to get me? Like Jodie Foster and all these other fucking major dykes in Hollywood who do *nothing* for the gay community, except play real sleepy-headed sexual bullshit, and their work is like embarrassing, if you want to talk about it in terms of being politically correct. Oh, but no, Sandra Bernhard... who's done everything but lick pussy onstage, has to be his particular "bisexual of the month" attack or whatever.

Oh, dear. I made Sandra Bernhard mad. The comedian-singer-actor has made a name for herself through her biting wit and has always seemed to present an air of knowing thick-skinnedness. She has a surprisingly low boiling point, as I discovered talking with her on the phone, in advance of her show, *Giving Till It Hurts*, opening at the Warfield on Jan. 24. A few (I thought) benign questions, and she turned defensive. Things deteriorated to the point where she accused me of being inflammatory, confrontational and insulting. Bernhard's stock in trade is irony, and perhaps this was another ironic situation for her. In any case, at times it was hard to tell if she was being serious in her responses.

Read on.

(SF Bay Times) Maybe you could tell us a bit about your show, Giving Till It Hurts*?*

(Bernhard) One of my worst fears is trying to describe my own work, but it's a combination of monologue and song, and I guess, it has a kind of cabaret orientation, in a way.

Can I just read you a quote and see how you respond? In the Jan. 14 issue of The Advocate, *Michelangelo Signorile says some things about you: "Sandra Bernhard...is now very out of the closet in her show..." and "the only reason she is so out now is because of the lambasting she received, especially from irate dykes who confronted her on college campuses across the country..." So, do you have any response to that?*

I've always been out. I've always been out where I am at this particular moment. If I'm fucking women, I'll talk about fucking women. If I'm fucking men, I'll say that I'm actually fucking men. There's nobody more supportive of the gay community than I am—and I have been from day one, when it wasn't cool to be supportive. If people take interviews in *People* magazine seriously in the gay community, well...

Are you referring to the People *interview where you said you weren't a lesbian and were sick of being called one?*

I don't like the word lesbian. I'll say I'm gay or I'll say I'm a dyke before I'll say I'm a lesbian.

Really. What's your particular objection?

It's like what the straight community puts on—it has all these connotations of being ugly, fucked up, narrow-minded, short-haired—you know, unattractive, butch, fucked-up dyke, which is not what I am. I don't like to be pigeon-holed by anybody. Basically, it's nobody's business. If I choose to talk about something in my act and parodize it or say something ironic about it, that's my position. That doesn't mean I'm turning my back on the gay community. I talk about a lot of different elements of sexuality in my show. I always have, I always will. And no, I'm not the spokesperson, one-woman, one-man band for the gay community. Obviously, it's a big part of who I am. I support them, and I love them, and I embrace them, as I embrace other people in my audience. I'm always gonna go against the grain. That's just who I am. If somebody's pushing my buttons, I'll fucking push them right back. I don't dig it. I don't like people pushing me around.

Well, I mean Signorile—that's his style, that's his whole point—

What style? He has no style. He's a fucking asshole. Someone should fucking assassinate him. He does nothing but alienate everybody from each other. Frankly, I think he's a misogynistic faggot, and I think he's probably anti-Semitic on top of it.

Do you feel that in particular from the things he's said about you?

Yeah, that's kind of the underlying tone of the whole thing. If he has such a big fucking bone to pick with me, let him sit down and have a cup of coffee with me. What is he out to get me for? Like Jodie Foster and all these other fucking major dykes in Hollywood who do *nothing* for the gay community, except play real sleepy-headed sexual bullshit, and their work is like embarrassing, if you want to talk about it in terms of being politically correct. Oh, but no, Sandra Bernhard...who's done everything but lick pussy onstage, has to be his particular "bisexual of the month" attack or whatever. Let him talk about Bruce Weber, who's like all about homoeroticism and who denies his sexuality completely. Get off my mother-fucking back.

OK, I think that is pretty clear...I didn't realize you had a particular dislike of the word lesbian.

I was being facetious, OK? Quite frankly. But, I mean, all these words...When do some people live their life is all I'm posing.

I guess sometimes it's hard to tell when you're being serious and when you aren't.

Yes, but that's what my work is about. So, don't take things so fucking seriously.

It's obvious that the gay press has a particular interest in you because you have been forthcoming—

And I want to be. I want the gay community to know I would go to the boards for them if push came to shove, all kidding aside, all irony aside. My sexual preference has been obvious, and my support of the community is absolute and unfaltering, but I don't like hardcore, didactic people, be they gay, straight, Black, white, Jew or Christian. I don't like making absolute statements. Then I can't do my work. It's about irony, and the minute I start taking myself seriously, then my work will no longer be effective, and that's what I keep trying to explain. Does that make sense?

So you think an absolute statement like, "This is who I am" would compromise your work?

Do I have to sit down and write it and commit to something? I wish I could commit to something. Unfortunately, my relationships never last long enough to commit to anything. I don't know where I'm gonna be five years from now, so I can only say where I'm at right now. Which is out of another relationship. Yeah, you really wanna get hardcore and personal? Let's get hardcore and personal. I'm alone and I'm, like, miserable and I'm lonely and sad. Does it matter if it was because of a woman or because of a man?

When you say you're out, what are you out as?

What do you want me to be out as?

I don't want you to be out as anything. I guess that's part of the—

Well, I mean this is stupid. Yeah, I'm out. I sleep with women sometimes...it's like, oh, wow, she's out, but then what does that mean?

Would you say that you are—

I wouldn't say anything. I'd say I prefer sleeping with women. Isn't that enough?

I guess I was just wondering if you would identify as gay or if you identify as bisexual.

I don't want to identify as anything. I identify as a person, right, who would like to have a relationship that works...

One of the things you've done in the past, as far as the visual representations of yourself, is display your body, being unclothed. You don't have what would be considered a classic model's body, and it makes a very powerful image that you feel comfortable doing that.

What do you mean I don't have a classic model's body?

Well, the imagery of women in ads that is defined as sexy is like, 38-24-38 or whatever it is, which is not—

Yeah, but most women don't have that.

Exactly!

I'm extremely sexual. I mean, I'm thin and I have a great body, so I guess I don't represent a lot of women, because most women are overweight and trying to keep their bodies together, so I don't know. I represent myself and express my own sexuality in my own particular direction and my own fight for self-confidence. I feel free and confident in who I am.

Well, I guess I was thinking that in your various performances, your book, Confessions of a Pretty Lady, *and stripping down to the little outfit to sing "Little Red Corvette" in* Without You I'm Nothing—

It's called a G-string.

—Right. I've never worn one. When you put that out there, that's not what the American public is geared up to see.

They're totally geared up to see that. It's all that's out there. Almost everything that everybody wants is pornography. What do you mean?

Well, I'll agree that there's certainly a lot of pornography out there, but when you do it, it comes across very differently, I think. You're doing it with—

The point is that I've never been part of the mainstream, physically or emotionally, so it's like it's a celebration of me having that kind of confidence in the particulars of my body and also hoping to be an inspiration to other women. To make them feel great about themselves, too, and recognize their own power as sexual beings.

What other kind of messages do you think you get across to people when you're performing?

Hmm. I don't know. I guess ultimately, you could walk away feeling like it's OK to be on the outside. And that it's also OK to feel good about yourself, even if you're not famous and fabulous, or if you haven't achieved a certain look or a certain standard of success. I'm always painfully aware of that from the audience. I hope that I never get so far away from my emotions and reality that I no longer bridge that gap. So, that's always the message.

It seems like one of the things you were really sick of in interviews a couple years ago was being asked about Madonna. It seemed like you really wanted to get away from that. Yet you turned up in Truth or Dare, *and there's a quote from her advertising the show. That seems kind of funny.*

If I choose not to talk about her in an interview, it's because I don't want to talk about her. I may do a film with her, you know, that's the creative process. What's to talk about? Specifically "our relationship" has been talked about to the point where I don't have anything left to say about it.

For a couple years now, the media has sort of twinned you together. I've noticed that sometimes you're referred to as "Madonna's pal, blah blah blah," and you both have careers in your own right, so it seemed to me that you were trying to get away from that. So, I wonder why you would throw it—

I don't know what you're getting at. You're being very, like, confrontational and I don't know how you expect me to react. This whole interview has been, like, putting me on the spot about things that to me have no relevance to me coming to San Francisco and doing my show. It's like you're kinda out to get me or something.

All right. I'm sorry if that's the case. Well, what kinds of things would you feel more comfortable talking about?

Well, I'm willing to talk about anything, but I don't wanna be put on the spot, especially by a gay paper that I think should be supportive and pull for me. What's the point of this? I'm a human being with feelings, and I don't need to be fucked with. I don't need the press. I don't need anybody. I don't need this bullshit. I mean, I've given you my time. I'm sure it's a much bigger thing for you than it is for me. I'm willing to talk to anybody who poses intelligent, non-confrontational questions. I don't believe an interview in a small paper in San Francisco is the forum to go off on major tangents.

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Well, after this harmonic exchange, Sandra's publicist offered me the option doing another interview with Miss Congeniality. It was tempting, if only to ask Sandra if she's really *that* sensitive to questions about her sexual orientation and Madonna at this late date, or if she was just having a bad day. But our deadline had passed.

So what's Sandra Bernhard about? I really don't know. She wears many hats and inhabits many roles, one of which is apparently the temperamental *artiste*.

NAMBLA...

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gay men.

Inspector Tom Eisenmann of the SFPD's juvenile division has investigated NAMBLA. He says the group "poses a threat to children," but agrees that NAMBLA has a First Amendment right to meet at the library. "They have the right to assemble and the right to free speech as long as they are a lawful organization, and they are. An organization can't molest, even though members of the organization might." He added, "They don't commit crimes in the library."

NAMBLA calls itself a "gay organization," but other gay organizations are more reluctant to include it. They have been denied meeting space in gay community centers in several cities, and their participation in Pride events invariably stirs up controversy.

Holly Conley of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation says, "The problem is the media is always interested in stories that pander to stereotypes and homophobia." He says GLAAD has received a number of hate calls since the first segment aired, and he considers this a measure of Channel 4's "sensationalistic coverage."

Conley says that although NAMBLA has a First Amendment right to meet, he does not consider the issue to be under GLAAD's domain. "[The Channel 4 report] is clearly a piece of yellow journalism attacking the constitutional rights of this group," he says. "But it is not a gay issue. Saying that it is not right to have sex with minors is not defamation," Conley said. "I think most of us here agree with that."

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the fact that such a case can occur *in San Francisco* shows just how pervasive homophobia is and that no one is safe—not even upper-echelon white collar workers.

"This will help in getting 101 on the statute books, not just this one case, but all the others that are being tried," says Di Donato. "It should have a cumulative effect."

Matt Coles of the American Civil Liberties Union says that if Thomasson can show it was the dancing at the Nob Hill that led to the dismissal, then "on the face of it, it appears to be a violation of his right to privacy." Coles also says Thomasson should be able to recover damages because non-job-related conduct should not be used to fire someone. But, Coles warns, "It is far from clear that the courts agree with us on that."

Finally, Coles warns that the California Supreme Court is taking a rather narrow view of privacy rights, and if the case is not settled and winds up in the Supreme Court, then it will be "hard to say if the court will buy it." Di Donato, too, is nervous about the California Supreme Court, saying, it has become far more conservative under Governors Deukmejain and Wilson. "There is a potential for disaster down the line, that the California Supreme Court will get a hold of one of these [sexual orientation discrimination lawsuits] and take away the few rights that we already have!"

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Clinical Trials: Asking the Right Questions
An Interview with Lewis Sheiner, M.D.

Lewis Sheiner, M.D., is Professor of Laboratory Medicine, Medicine, and Pharmacy at the University of California San Francisco. He is active in the AIDS Clinical Trials Group of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and a member of the Antiviral Advisory Committee of the FDA.

Dr. Sheiner has a particular interest in how to obtain the best possible information from clinical trials when real-world circumstances do not allow ideal study design.

(AIDS Treatment News) What are your recommendations on how existing trials might be made more useful and more efficient?

(Dr. Sheiner) We spend about $100 million on clinical testing of a major new drug, and I doubt that we get even $1 million worth of information. We are immensely inefficient. I think the problem can be traced to the fact that we are asking the wrong question. The whole process has to be revamped.

The problem, as I see it, is like that of an academic scientist whose main motivation becomes earning money—instead of to understand the universe better, which is what a research scientist should be doing. Such an academic might engage in research which was most remunerative, or might try to get promoted by getting a lot of papers published without a lot of thought about what was in the papers. To some extent the system would regulate this behavior; for example, it would not be easy to publish papers that had no content. But there's still a spectrum— subjects that lead to papers more quickly, papers that record just new information as opposed to new understanding, and which can be published in other than the best journals. So the system might keep a person producing a product that looked something like what an academic should produce. It wouldn't be high quality and would therefore be wasteful.

To be productive, scientists need to keep their eye on the ball, on the problem, which is understanding the subject matter better or teaching students better. Then everything else falls out; they become successful as a researcher, or successful as a teacher, and get the rewards. But they should not keep the rewards in mind as the reason for it.

The problem is that the drug industry is not keeping its eye on the ball. The drug industry is concerned, properly (because we've assigned coming up with drugs to the private sector) with, "How do I make money." And that translates into, "How do I get my drug approved?" So when they're doing clinical testing of drugs, the question is, "What do we need to do to get the FDA to approve the drugs?" They are not asking, "What does a doctor (and the patient) need to know, in order to use this drug sensibly." If everybody kept their eye on that ball, everything else would fall out fine. But the drug companies have their eyes on the ball of "What do I have to do to satisfy the FDA."

Therefore the FDA has to come up with rules that will cause people who are not actually addressing the problem, but rather are trying to get the drug approved, to behave in ways that sort of address the actual problem. It's a tough business to make a set of rules that will cause the behavior to come out one way when the motivation is another. We see this all over society. What you want to do is get people engaged in the real question, and then they use their ingenuity to answer it.

This is an underlying structural problem, since we've assigned new drug development to private industry. I'm not sure we could do any better. I do know that the set of rules the FDA has come up with has been determined largely by the legislation they have been given, which is that you have to have safety and efficacy, and by conservatism having to do with the process by which drugs are approved—peoples' impression is that essentially you get one shot. You get to hold the manufacturer ransom from earning any money on their product for a while, while they supply information on the drug.

The system forces us to generate experiments that do not resemble real life, and are almost useless for answering any other questions than whether a drug works in some situation, however artificial.

Once you decide that the company has supplied enough information to warrant marketing, then you don't have much opportunity to learn more from that source. Other sources start to kick in after the drug is approved: physicians, academics will pursue research on the use of various drugs for their own reasons, we may get the answers eventually. But there's no organized search for information, except in the few instances where the FDA requires additional studies after approval. Or where the public, through the NIH or others, decides we need a large trial for certain conditions because we don't know the answer; we've seen that in coronary disease and certain other areas.

What are the questions that are being asked when clinical trials are designed? And what kinds of answers can we expect?

The question that's being asked, even in those large trials done under government auspices, is primarily, "Does a drug work"? You control things, give a group of patients a new therapy, another group an old therapy or a placebo, look at the outcome, and ask if there is a difference. But that is an observational result; it doesn't tell you anything scientific. Science is understanding the world.

We focus on the question, does it work or not? That's a mistake. Because the important question is, "What do we need to know in order to use this treatment sensibly." The question is not, "Does it work," but "How does it work in different patient groups, in combinations with other drugs, and so on."

The second thing we do wrong, after deciding to answer what I think is a limited question, is that we then optimize the way in which we do an experiment to answer that question. That's a serious mistake. When you optimize a system to do one thing, it's almost certain that you make it inefficient to do anything else. Whereas if you are a little robust, and say, "I'll do the best I can with respect to one question, but I'll also spread my energies around and do OK with other questions," it turns out that you can do lots of things with the data. It's like biology; when you get highly specialized evolution of the animal it's great, but only if the environment doesn't change at all.

The epistemologic paradigm we are using is that we're going to find a counterexample to the claim that the drug doesn't work. So we set up a "null hypothesis" which is that the drug does not do anything, and then we look for a circumstance in which we can gather evidence which refutes that.

The randomized controlled trial essentially functions as a counterexample that disproves the null hypothesis. And then we try to make that example as strong as possible by magnifying the treatment difference—by giving one group zero dose, and the other group as large a dose as safely possible.

We try to maximize the "signal" and minimize the "noise." So we get a homogeneous group of patients, and treat them, in respect to everything except the drug of interest, very homogeneously. We treat them by protocol, which in general doesn't look like real medical therapy.

It's standard practice in clinical trials to reject a minimum of 80 percent of people who are potentially qualified. It's a rare trial that uses 20 percent. For example, when testing a drug for high blood pressure, at least 80 percent of those who come in with high blood pressure are usually rejected because they are the wrong age, or the wrong size, or they are taking some other drug, or they had some unusual test result, etc.

The first problem is because of the optimization: How can we extrapolate from this highly select sample to the whole patient population? We can't—but we do it wrongly all the time. By trying to minimize the variation among patients, we put ourselves in a situation where we don't have a representative patient sample.

If you really had your eye on the ball of what do we need to know to use this drug, you would want to study lots of different kinds of patients,

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with lots of different regimens, and look at various outcomes. But the randomized controlled trial usually looks at a very homogeneous group of patients, with just two doses, zero and some large dose, and usually looks at only a restricted set of outcomes.

Therefore it doesn't give you the information you need to use the drug in real medical practice.

So when the trial is done, we have proved that there is some group in which the drug does something—so we can deny the "null hypothesis" that it does nothing. But we are not very far ahead of the game. And it costs us millions, doing these extremely rigid studies.

What makes the problem even worse is that we want the sense of assurance, that we're absolutely sure the answer is right, that we're not making a mistake. The kind of mistake we seem to fear the most is holding that a drug is active when it's not.

So we design our studies in a very rigid way, and analyze them according to very low-assumption models—one group vs. one other group, and simple statistics essentially based on the fact that we randomized. That way of testing is very demanding in stringency of design; You have to make sure that nothing else is going on. You can't deal with the fact that patients are different.

Consequently, we have to generate an experiment that does not resemble real life, and is almost useless for answering any other question than whether the drug works in some situation, however artificial. Even if we get a good estimate of what is happening to one kind of patient, that does not help us much with other patients who are different from those in the study.

What kind of research model would you propose?

If you designed the study to spread the doses out, to spread the kinds of patients out, you would be forced to analyze it with a model which took into account more variability—which means a model with many more assumptions.

In this kind of model there would be randomization of doses and variation among patients would be greater. You would have to average this out by having larger patient groups, but larger groups would be easier to get, since you would be using designs in which you treat people much more like you treat them in real life.

Why not randomize to ranges of doses, but allow the physician to adjust the dose in that range, depending upon what they observe in their patients, which is what physicians do? Then you make it easier to enroll more people, as the trial deviates less from what we would call good treatment.

If you look at the expanded access for ddI, for example, there was no problem to get ten thousand people for this program, because entry criteria were less stringent than for clinical trials. From those ten thousand people we learned very little, unfortunately, because we did not have an appropriate design. But if you put a bit of design in that kind of study—if you randomize the doses into ranges, and then gather data on what actually occurs—you can get good information. There are models to deal with this sort of variation among patients, certainly better than ignoring it, which is what we do now.

Because we ask the wrong question, and optimize our study design to answer it, we learn little about the questions we do need answered. You need to understand this in terms of the process of drug approval and use. People today are designing drugs that we know have pharmacologic action; that is not the important question. The real issues are two: toxicity, which can always be unpredictable, and ultimate efficacy. Those are the questions that need to be answered.

Do you think, when considering life-threatening diseases, that we have to determine the question of ultimate clinical benefit before we allow a drug to be used?

The answer seems to be clearly no—we've decided that we will use a drug when a prudent person believes that the probable benefit is greater than the probable harm. We can base that on the known pharmacology, on the biology, that the drug ought to be helpful. We may make mistakes; but we do act before we are sure. What we need, then, is a mechanism for checking whether we made the right decisions. But it doesn't have to be before the drug is approved.

So the view I'm proposing is, "Present us with enough evidence to make us believe that using this drug is a sensible thing to do at the present time. But understand that we're going to have to gather more evidence, and if the drug really is not efficacious, we have to be able to take it off the market." That's the fundamental change that I believe we need to make.

Then the approval risk—the risk the FDA takes when it approves a drug, the risk that it may turn out to be harmful—is lower than now, when the drug usually will not be tested further by the manufacturer, and usually cannot be recalled. Let's lower the approval risk, so we don't have a biased approval process. If the FDA has a chance to correct a decision if it turns out to be wrong, it can approve drugs much earlier, because it will not have to worry about a mistake forever. That's the overall view.

What about the "large simple trial" design, which is now generating interest for community-based AIDS research?

The large simple trials come in at the stage of checking to see if the drug works. You take all comers, and perhaps randomize them to dose vs. no dose; dose is anything the doctor wants to give, and may be adjusted. Or look at dose-range groups for analysis.

Within the large simple trial it is very easy to pull out more information about the response, by knowing exactly what dose everybody gets, by using pharmacokinetics [e.g., blood levels of the drug] to see what the actual exposure was, by measuring area under the curve, or by using explicit protocols for dosage adjustment, so that you know why doses were changed.

Allowing a mechanism whereby drugs that do not prove to have efficacy can be removed from the market should be attractive to pharmaceutical companies. They can start making money while they are still testing—so the price of those studies is being paid while they are making money, not out of pocket. But this isn't a free ride; companies cannot market their drugs and then leave it to somebody else to figure out whether they work. Drug companies will hope that they can do this, can do less work to make money. We have to tell them that's wrong.

But studies could be done for less money, if we were clear about how well we needed to know what. A lot of the money that is being spent on drug trials is being spent to do studies extremely stringently to get very objective evidence, where a few assumptions would allow us to get perfectly adequate information to allow us to proceed for a lot cheaper.

For example, in hypertension [although not in AIDS], what happens to moderate hypertensives treated for three months with placebo has not changed in the last 15 to 20 years. So the fact that half of the patients you have to pay for in every study receive placebo is ridiculous. The only rational justification for assigning exactly half the patients to a standard therapy or placebo would be if you are as ignorant of what happens with standard therapy as with the new drug, which is almost never true. Some smaller number ought to be assigned to the standard therapy, because we have prior information about it. Procedures have taken over, and we do these things without thinking about why.

And then there are cases like hypericin, an experimental antiviral just now beginning clinical trials. Apparently it was delayed for three years because financial resources were not available to meet the high FDA hurdles for initial human testing.

Asking a drug company capitalized at billions to invest another million dollars in some testing that makes someone feel a little more secure is no problem; they're going to spend $100 or $200 million anyway. But take an academic institution, and $100 thousand means something to you. The whole drug-development system is set up for people who have lots of money to spend. What we're doing is buying what I believe is a false sense of security, but nonetheless we've got many procedures in place that are quite costly. There are many questionable reasons for maintaining them because: (a) we did it before and it's unfair to do otherwise; (b) because somebody's going to complain that you haven't done enough toxicity studies if something goes wrong later; (c) you get raked over the coals in Congress if you didn't have the same standards; and on and on. It's mixed up with the political process, with the consumer. You just shouldn't be in the making-drugs business unless

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The Minefield of Lesbian Fashion: Out? In? Or Inside Out?



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The swarms of jean-clad, sweat-shirted, army-booted dykes circles with some disdain before a brave butch soul asked me to dance. Okay, sure, we got together, but not for a few weeks and not until I had cut my hair, purchased black jeans, high tops, and a motorcycle jacket.

"*Wrong,*" Jackie said, shaking her head. We had just worked out. I was putting my sneakers on, white Nikes over black and white wool argyle socks.

"No dress socks with tennis shoes," she said. "And your socks have to be lighter than your shoes. And with sports shoes the socks have to be cotton."

I sat frozen to the bench. Hadn't I read years of *Glamour* magazine's "Do's and Don'ts?" And hadn't I winced at the photos of girls in the wrong coats, carrying the wrong bags, layering the wrong sweaters, those photos of slight girls on windy New York streets with black brick-like bars slapped over their faces to save what could only be acute embarrassment? (What a way to show up in a national mag, I thought in my younger years when I sought fame; as a "Don't.")

But here I was, a lesbian voted "Best Dressed" of the 1976 Senior Class of San Clemente High School, *in the wrong socks.*

I had slipped. The black and white photo—a black slash across my face—the caption: "Dress socks with sports shoes? *Don't.*"

"But Jackie," I pleaded, "These are warm. And besides, they tie the white of the sneakers into the black of my jeans..."

"Forget it, girlfriend," Jackie said like the savvy New York dyke that she is. "Get yourself to the Gap."

The minefield of lesbian fashion.

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Let's digress.

I came out in the early '80s, and I visited my first lesbian bar with much naivete. Ronnie had just rode his horse into the White House, and not coincidentally I was living in the Antipodes. Auckland, New Zealand. The circumstances around this first foray into lesbiana are a tad sordid. The scenario, briefly: A feminist arts festival, lots-o-lezzos trotting about, a girl who had gone out with a boy I was going out with. This girl in a lesbian rock group. Me: a groupie.

Question: Can I be in love with the ex-girlfriend of my boyfriend?

Answer: Sure, but she doesn't have to be in love with me.

She did, however, suffer me one deep kiss before suggesting that she show me "The Club." (I now understand why I didn't have a chance with her: Two femmes? A tricky situation for a beginner.)

I dressed with care, having no one to ask, no cross reference. How I wished I were back in high school with the old gang so I could call a pal: "What are *you* wearing?" I was in my late punk stage, long hair curly, a stripe of red—geranium red—over one temple. After many changes of clothes, I set this coif against a torn T-shirt which featured black bombers silhouetted on a paint-spattered backdrop. My mini-skirt: red/black and green. Finally, red pumps. Pointy, sixties retro. Inch high heels. Lipstick to match. My roommates at the time—straight girls not unsympathetic to my experimentation—approved enthusiastically. "You look hot," Julie said. I should have been suspicious of such support.

I trailed my crush up two flights of an old warehouse. The downstairs was home to a body shop and the second floor reeked that particular oily New Zealand smell of shorn sheep. At the crest of the last flight of stairs sat a table surrounded by a flock of slick women smoking Marlboros and taking "dues." The "Club" was known to all outsiders as "The Inner City Women's Recreation Group" and membership was private and by invitation only.

After I paid my three dollars, I shuffled into a large, dark room with a disco ball circling the center. On one side, a low-hanging light flooded a pool table. In another corner, a table behind which liquor bottles and crates of beer were stacked. A gaggle of girls danced coolly to the Eurythmics. Another group surrounded the bar. At our entrance it seemed as if everything stopped. Everyone turned and stared. My date (a misnomer, I soon found out) disappeared into the dark and I was left standing against the wall feeling like I did in seventh grade at my first dance when I had finally convinced my mother to let me shave my legs and wear "hose," only to find the other girls in hip hugger corduroy trousers.

So here I was again the only one in a dress, not to mention makeup. The swarms of jean-clad, sweat-shirted, army-booted dykes circled with some disdain (distrust of straight women in those days was fairly rampant) before a brave butch soul asked me to dance. Okay, sure, we got together, but not for a few weeks and not until I had cut my hair, purchased black jeans, high tops, and a motorcycle jacket.

They say timing is everything. Nowadays, that skirt ensemble would be just the thing for warm summer night cruising.

Six months after coming out, my mother came to visit. She stayed in my six-dyke, multi-racial, intergenerational, vehemently political, anti-everything, collective, vegetarian household. She gave it a good New England go. She asked me why we all "looked the same, like boys."

"We do not look like boys!" I countered. We were sitting on the front porch giving each other haircuts. The buzzer was out, everything from the ears down was coming off everyone, topknots were left, "tails" snaked down each back and were wrapped with colorful thread or beaded. I'm somewhat shocked to notice that now, over ten years later, this haircut is sported by nearly every junior high kid that I know. Dykes on the cutting edge?

But, I digress. We did look a tad like boys, cute boys. And for several years we stomped around and kicked up enough trouble to keep us all bouncing in and out of court. We certainly did not ever want anyone to think we were straight. No, we didn't want to mimic any standards of traditional feminine beauty. (So we mimicked Michael Jackson and David Bowie instead.)

A year or so later, gals started wearing a spot of eyeliner—an especially nice complement to leather and studs—and pretty much all you saw on anyone was black highlighted with glints of metal. Not long after, I moved myself stateside, to San Francisco, where the range of lesbo fashion sent me reeling. I marched into my first dyke bar

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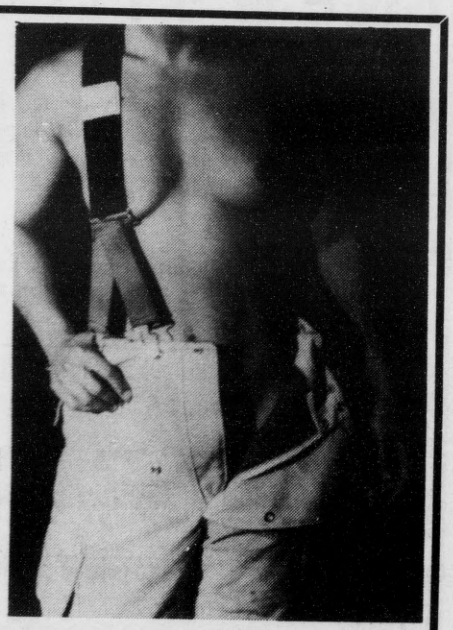
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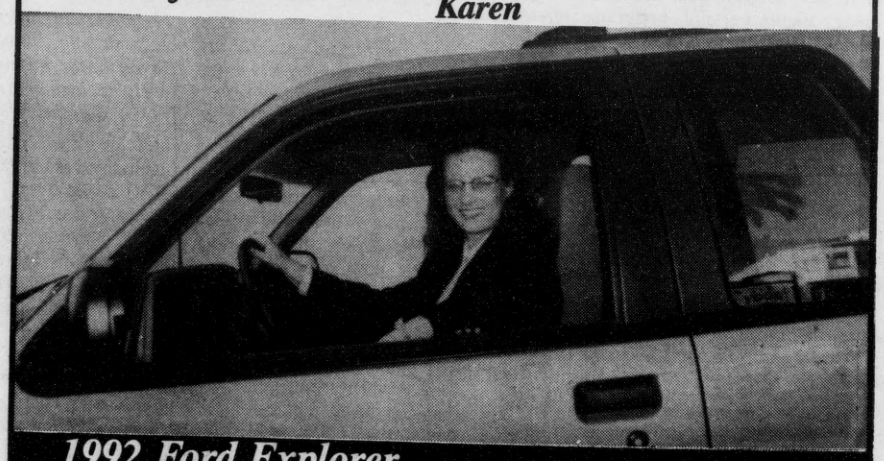
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in black regalia only to find myself amidst—what? —straight girls? Nope, femmes! Beautiful Latina women in clothes from Macy's and long fingernails—at least on most fingers. And a gang of softball dykes, who looked like they leapt from an L.L. Bean catalogue. You even saw older gals in polyester pantsuits with butches in men's trou. Young punks in long underwear leashed—often literally—to girlfriends in little more than rags and safety pins. Gadz: Anything was possible—what was a young dyke to do?

I'm not such a young dyke anymore, but still my fashion dilemmas haven't been solved. And in some ways they get more complicated. I think the hows and whats of dyke dressing are always mitigated by bigger issues: Where do you live? How out are you? Do you want people to know you're a dyke? Are you dressing as a dyke among dykes or a dyke among straights?

My little town is so queer that many of these questions become twisted. Provincetown is a place where anyone can be anything and there is certainly one of *everything*, from the boy-toy clones to the drag stars to the straight men who come for the cross-dressing weekend (usually dressed identically to their *wives*). Fashion is something that gives shape to the gay parade each warm summer night.

I can dress completely "straight" here—in fact I now look more "mainstream" than I ever have, because no one assumes heterosexuality. Many of us locals have long hair, wear dresses, makeup. And when the gal tourists descend in droves, we're always amazed at how "dykey" they look. Everywhere there are music festival T-shirts and Girbaud jeans and high top sneakers. There are jock dyke couples in matching neon shorts and schoolteachers from the Midwest in khaki safari pants. Is there anything wrong with a lesbo look? No. And I can guess that in their hometowns such dressing is clue to others, an underground code. The short back and sides haircut of the bus driver is a secret message to the short back and sides secretary. But here in queersville not much of this seems necessary.

The most popular T-shirt slogan this past summer was "Nobody Knows I'm a Lesbian," or alternately, "I'm Not Gay But My Girlfriend Is." These eerie statements were printed in foot-high letters on the front of said shirts, and worn, I can imagine, only while here in P-town. Back home in Anytown I'm sure the slogan becomes all too real where people *better* not know. Fashion has to do with political choices, what's out or in has to do with one's own outness or in-ness, and where the political climate is swaying. Wouldn't you know I could make something dry and analytical out of a topic that started out so breezy.

In many ways it was much easier ten years ago when my choice was limited to black and my wardrobe consisted of three pairs of jeans in various stages of decay complemented by a purple "Dyke" button. I never wore a bra, and couldn't have thought that years later I'd be going out dancing in one! But with all the choices available to me today, I'm often in a quagmire.

My final digression: I have this unbelievable Polaroid picture dated on its curling edge July 1969. I was ten years old at the time and the picture of me is from a summer camp carnival. I'm holding a stack of straws which I remember to be pea-shooters. And I'm dressed in this strange getup that I very much remember putting together.

I had decided I wanted to be "half-girl and half-boy" for the occasion. The outfit is exactly that. On the left side I'm a girl: I've got a skirt fastened to one leg, a pink polyester shell that shows just the bud of a breast, my long blond hair wavy and loose, and red lipstick is carefully portioned over half of each lip. On the other side I've done the boy thing: a black vest, tight jeans, a single cowboy boot, my hair slicked back tight against my head. Both sides of me, girl and boy, are grinning wide.

In some ways I've spanned both sides of that early view of what I now see as my nascent lesbianism. I do the boy thing, I do the girl thing, I even do the cowboy thing. But, according to Jackie, and I'm apt to trust her, I still wear the wrong socks.

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you've got millions of dollars in capital.

Take hypericin. This is the sort of situation where somebody found a natural product not created by rational drug design and believes that it might work. But at the moment, we don't understand enough about that molecule and about the virus, etc., to say whether it ought to work or not to work. It's all based on empirical evidence. It's not like you designed this drug to interact with viral proteins, etc. I'm not even saying that would be the right way to go; the era of modern drug development, of designing drugs to interact with certain molecules, is very recent; it still doesn't account for the majority of useful drugs.

The way that hypericin, or most drugs used today, came to attention has been the standard way for new drugs to come along; somebody notices that some natural compound does something, and you do a careful set of empirical experiments that leads step by step to the conclusion that this drug is useful. But in that case, it is hard to say what you ought to be doing other than that. You cannot jump over the process, know that a drug looks like another drug, and interacts with the same molecule, so you know that it will be active, and, the only question is toxicity. Here, you have a long trail to go on. Unfortunately, it's a trail where the traditions have been developed in the context of an industry that has no problem spending $10 million on that phase.

We suddenly have community-based AIDS research groups wanting to enter the drug-development process in a legitimate way, but having to meet standards that developed when money was no object. I'm not sure that those standards make sense. What about the thousands of people who have taken (underground) drugs; does that experience mean nothing?

If safety is under control, then why not do a small trial first under close medical supervision—quickly, before a drug goes into widespread "underground" use?

I have outlined where we really could change the way we do things in terms of asking drug companies to do some testing after marketing. Now you are talking about something that makes even more sense, which is that one size doesn't fit all. At every point, we have a balance of many factors: our past experience, what we know about whether a drug is dangerous or not, what we know about animals, the fact that people may have been eating it for ages as a natural product, the need for new treatment because it's a life-threatening disease. Why don't we sit down in each situation, thrash it out and think about it, and come up with what makes sense for that particular situation? Obviously that is the sensible way to behave. I despair that it will be done soon.

What about the usefulness of observational or epidemiological data, compared to data from randomized controlled trials?

People miss the difference between two situations. One is observational or epidemiological data which has been accurately gathered but on which we have not exercised control; such data are valuable, although a little bit of control adds a lot. But what is useless are data that are not accurate, because we did not even record them

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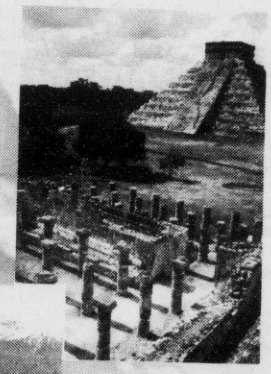
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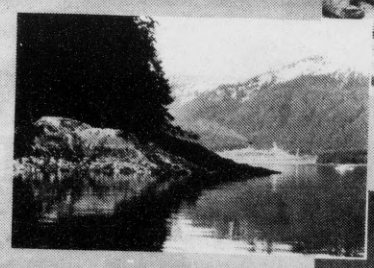
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Delicious And Dangerous

Mercury is now zipping through Capricorn—which normally draws our thoughts toward ambitions and structural questions. But over the next few days he'll be tearing by Uranus—the queer planet of innovation and rebellion. Then he zips by Neptune, the planet of music and mystery. All this makes a deliciously dangerous combination. You see, with Mercury in Capricorn we'll be a bit more inclined than usual to figure out appropriate utility of available resources, how to facilitate hierarchic communications, and to map out our careful little steps up the great and labyrinthine ladder to success.

Then Mercury lines up with Uranus from Saturday, Jan. 18, to Monday, Jan. 20, and we get all kinds of incredible ideas about how to make everything spectacularly better. And the Uranian Mercury is none too shy about announcing brilliant innovations, even when they are entirely crackpot. Most Uranus-Mercury ideas are, but a few are indeed utterly brilliant. When you get inspired, talk your ideas out with your friends and colleagues. Avoid saying "We must!" Rather suggest, "What do you think of...?"

Well, before we're clear of that, Mercury goes right to Neptune (Sunday, Jan. 19, to Wednesday, Jan. 22), which is wonderful for music, magic and myth, but logic and science go right out the window. Leave your bookkeeping and write some poetry.

All this will trigger some mighty fascinating conversations. Keep track of topics at hand. Next week Mars goes through the same stretch, and whatever is stimulating conversation this week is liable to start fights the next.

SUN SIGNS:

ARIES: You're suddenly full of sharp new ideas on how to get ahead. Unfortunately, those ideas are very likely to put you at odds with those who are already ahead. Be very careful to talk out your ambitions, goals and strategies with a trusted friend. Ideal would be someone who knows the situation, but doesn't work with you—or someone whom you trust to have your interests at heart. Outspokenness, usually one of your many endearing traits, is a sure way to get into trouble right now. What you have to say could be very valuable, but be very careful about how and where you say it.

TAURUS: Usually a conservative materialistic thinker, you're suddenly alive with wild new ideas, which in turn trigger a newfound spiritual sensitivity. You know that your mind is not at its most pragmatic, which needn't be disturbing, but for you it doesn't feel "quite right." There are lessons to be learned here, lessons which can prove very profitable. If you need grounding now, Aquarius and Pisces will be able to provide some understanding. (In fact they'll make a lot more sense to you now than they usually do!)

GEMINI: Watch your mouth! Your tongue is often faster than your brain, and this week it gets a lot faster than your sense of decorum. You'll feel as if there's some strength in being able to shock people, and the more shocking you can be the more powerful you are. Then you start thinking out loud... It's a dangerous combination! With some conscious effort and focus, you can show brilliant and powerful insight. Holding your tongue and focusing your vision will not be easy, but the effort will be well rewarded.

CANCER: Partnerships get very interesting now. Anything you say may be held against you. The old saw suggests you discuss delectable bits of erogenous flesh, and this is indeed appropriate. When rational discourse marches out your door, suggestion and intuition become innuendo. You and your partner will each say things that will be shocking and/or misunderstood. Give each other lots of latitude, and fall back on tactile communication. Still, keep talking. Knowing that things said will need to be worked out is at least helpful. Leaving them unsaid is inviting disaster.

LEO: Sit down, breathe deep, relax. This week is annoying, yes, even problematic, but you can lick it. As a matter of fact, you can turn it to your advantage. First of all, resist any temptation to worry. All your fretting easily becomes self-fulfilling prophecy. As long as your mind is on problems, make a list of just what the problems really are. Remember that you normally tend to the dramatic, and right now you're exaggerating all small annoyances into earth-shaking crises, especially when it comes to work and health. The second part of this exercise is to whittle all these disasters down to reality and look at them very realistically. Discussing them with a trusted friend is an ideal technique. This isn't the time to solve all these problems, but you'll want to. Your solutions will feel inspired and intuitive. Some of them may work, but run them by a level head just to be sure.

VIRGO: You're just bursting with creative juices this week, playful, perversely spontaneous and insightful. Could be wonderful, could shoot hell out of your usual logical routines. As we say in the New Age, go with the flow and tune in to your inner self. This is an ideal time to indulge an artistic hobby, or just to kick loose and do all the fun things that you've been delaying until a suitable time. You can shoot the dreary stereotype of your sign to hell this week, and let the world see what a clever sensualist you really are.

LIBRA: Are you suddenly getting a lot of information about this "Adult Child" stuff we've been hearing so much about? Perhaps your friends just want you to grow up! But this is a good time to unlock family secrets. It will be like opening a jack-in-the-box from a Roadrunner cartoon, so make sure you have friends handy to help you handle it. You're prone to get nervy and spacey with roommates, although you tend to see it the other way around. Were you a southern belle, you could apologize breathily and excuse yourself with "a case of the vapors." Be ready with a suitable equivalent, Scarlett.

SCORPIO: The enigmatic ember in your eyes is alluring and secretive as the Sphinx, but this week sees you as a spontaneous motormouth. What you say is even more shocking than your sudden loquacity. You suddenly have a perverse delight in upsetting apple carts. Give yourself a safe space to enjoy the outrage you'll generate. Causing the boss to raise an eyebrow could result in lowering the boom.

SAGITTARIUS: Financial worries will be most acute this week, not that you have any more trouble than usual, just the inclination to worry. Actually, there could be trouble if you give in to impulses. Any clever ideas you have about restructuring your finances should be double-checked with a reliable advisor. Focus on philosophical issues, examine your values and priorities. A little self-examination right now can be extremely helpful. Usually you prefer to think about lofty ideals rather than mundane money. This is a lousy time to switch.

CAPRICORN: Recent years have catalyzed remarkable changes in you. It's all too much to think about sometimes, but this week offers you a chance to put it all into perspective. Be willing to talk and to be utterly illogical. Aquarians and Pisceans are especially helpful. Usually you seem a bit guarded and tight; these days you're rattling off like a Gemini. This week you can expect to be particularly loquacious, but remember your usual sense of propriety. Say all you have to say, but at the right time and place. *Happy Birthday: Janice Courter and Jack Goodall!*

AQUARIUS: This is a time of tremendous inspirations and empathy, but that can be a mixed blessing. Great inner clarity in these first few days can give way to a sense of overload and disorientation. You can head this off with meditation and spiritual discipline. A little daily ritual would be very grounding. Some charitable work will also help you to get out of the tight little circles inside your own head. The personal benefits of helping others will come immediately. *Happy Birthday: Nyle Smith!*

PISCES: It seems you're always out of sync. The planets are making everybody else a little crazy, but you're having a great time. Part of it is that this week everyone is a little more Piscean which, as you know, is not easy. While everyone else is coping with unaccustomed intuitions and empathy, you're able to be a grand sage offering sympathy and wisdom in the middle of everyone else's upsets. Yes, your friends are being a bit weird and needy. Don't you love it? Just be careful not to burn out on helping them. Spend your time and energies wisely. As usual, you have trouble making the best decisions, but if you can guard against the impulse to overextend yourself and heed your other instincts, it will be hard to make a wrong decision now.

THE SAN FRANCISCO
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COMING UP!

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JAN 16 / T H U

HIV-Positive Support Group begins today at Berkeley City Public Health Clinic, 830 University Ave, Berkeley. 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. Childcare available. Group meets every other Thursday.

12-Step Meeting Space is available for 12-Step groups at the Parsonage, in the Castro. All 12-Step groups (particulary lesbian & gay groups) are welcome. For details call 552-2909 and ask to speak to the Parsonage director, Susan Bergmans or 12-Step Program Coordinator Mike Gorman.

Gay & Lesbian Playwrights Wkshop spons by Theatre Rhinoceros. 3-month workshop led by Doug Holsclaw. Low-cost. Call 552-4100 for details.

Lesbians of Color Playwrights Wkshop spons by Theatre Rhinoceros. Ongoing wkshop led by Pam Peniston starts mid-January. Call 552-4100 for details.

Rainbow's End lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group meets, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Wild Wheels & *Grandma's Bottle Village* at the Roxie Cinema, SF. See 1/9 listing for details.

No Calif Coalition for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Equality/Southern Alameda County Committee holds a meeting tonight on the lesbian/gay/bisexual rights initiative, and how to organize South County to get signatures for the petition. 7 pm at Hayward Public Library, 835 C Street, corner of Mission & C, Hayward.

At Gaia Bookstore: Author/storyteller Gertrud Mueller Nelson discusses her book, *Here All Dwell Free: Stories to Heal the Wounded Feminine*. 7 pm, $3, free with book purchase. 1400 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.

, **Bo Huston Writing Class** at A Different Light Bookstore starts this month, pre-reg required, see 1/21 listing for details.

Rounds Singing for Women Class—see 1/9 listing for details.

Sephardic Jews Video Series at SFJCC: See Esther Mizrahi Weissman's video documentaries on the history & rituals of the Sephardi Jews, *We Are Sephardim* and *My Family Came from Rhodes*. 7:30 pm at SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. $6. Info: 346-6040.

Benefit Concert with *Rebel Voices,* a Seattle women's trio, at La Pena Cultural Center. Singing for social change, with music from around the world. Also raffle. 7:30 pm, $6-15. Proceeds benefit the National Lawyers Guild Demonstrations Committee, which provides legal support & representation to activists. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

"The Bisexual Community: Where We Are Going," a forum spons by Bay Area Bisexual Network. 7:30-9:30 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin, SF. Info: 564-BABN.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA. Tonight's topic: "The Medical Is Political," with Kate O'Hanlan, MD. Discuss the politics behind women's health care. 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

The Gulf War One Year Later: Renewing Our Resistance—a commemoration of "the anniversary of the slaughter in Iraq with a reminder that the death continues, and with it, our responsibility." 6 pm candlelight vigil at Sproul Plaza, with music by *Rebel Voices*. 7:30 pm program at 155 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley campus, $5-10 SL. Spons by Bay Area Pledge of Resistance and the Middle East Children's Alliance. Speakers Alexander Cockburn, columnist for *The Nation*; and Elizabeth Martinez, chicana writer/activist and columnist for *Z Magazine*. Childcare provided with 24-hr reservation, call (510) 655-1177 for info.

Kodo, Japanese Taiko Drummers in concert at Stanford University's Memorial Auditorium at 8 pm. Tix $25, $23, $21 & $19. $3 stdnt discount. Info/res: 725-ARTS.

Danny Williams in "1970" at Josie's Cabaret: Bay Area funnyman Williams performs his one-man play, a journey thru his strict fundamentalist childhood to the year that changed his life—1970, a year in which he went from being a good little boy to tripping on LSD in his dorm, going to a gay bar, and ending up as a hustler on Polk Street. Funny, sad, enlightening & familiar tale. Play runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 1/26, with added 10 pm shows on 1/17 & 24. Tix $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Old Wives Tales: Author/editor Evelyn Torton Beck discusses her classic book, *Nice Jewish Girls: A Lesbian Anthology* and reads from new work at Old Wives Tales. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Pilot, a group of emerging young choreographers—Maria Basile, Colleen Madden, Joanne Nerenberg, Jeff Porter, Catherine Sharpe, Brenda Stine & Michael True—present their work at New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. 8 pm, $5. Info/res: 863-9834.

At the I-Beam: Roberta Donnay & *The Rhythm*, plus *The Doors Hotel*. 9 pm, $7. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

JAN 17 / F R I

Educating the Artist in the Early 20th Century: A 2-day symposium spons by SFAI to address the new challenges & possibilities facing artists & educators in the coming decades. Includes panel discussions, individual statements & focus groups organized for intensive dialogue around four central themes—society, the artist, media, and the art school—used as a departure for examination of the interchange btwn artists & society; the role of demographics, race, class, new technology; and the future of art education. Features prominent artists & educators, including artists Rachel Rosenthal, Enrique Chagoya & Richard Bolton; Goery Delacote of The Exploratorium, Penny Edgert of Calif Dept of Education, Michael Kendall of the Getty Foundation, and others. 7:30-10 pm tonight, 8:30 am-5 pm tmw. Free. SF Art Institute, 800 Chestnut St, SF. Pre-reg/info: 771-7020.

SF Frontrunner Russian River Wkend at Camelot Resort. Everyone welcome! Includes Fun Runs, hikes & cycling thru Armstrong Woods, dining & wine tasting at Friar Tuck's. Call (707) 869-2538 or (800) 922-7807 for details.

Log Cabin Calif "Palm Springs Weekend," 2nd Statewide Conference of the Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights. Today thru 1/19. Speakers include US Senate candidate Tom Campbell, Assemblyman Bill Filante, State Senator Becky Morgan & Log Cabin Federation President Rich Tafel. Radisson Palm Springs Resort Hotel, 1600 North Indian Ave, Palm Springs. For more info call Bruce Mulraney, 695-1902.

6th Annual Western Workers Labor Heritage Festival: Today thru 1/19 at Laney College. Wkend of workshops. songswaps, art exhibits & performance. A celebration of workers' lives & culture. Performers include Si Kahn, singer/organizer John Handcox, Vukani Mawethu & Charlie King. 900 Fallon St, nr Lake Merritt, Oakland. Info: (408) 426-4940.

Steal America, Lucy Phillips' exuberant new feature film opens today at SF's Lumiere Theatre. A poetic, monochromatic film about self-discovery, it tells the story of Christophe, Stella & Maria, young, rootless, restless & sexually sportive expatriate Europeans in search of the American Dream. 1572 California St, SF. For showtimes & other info call 885-3200.

Angry Women: **ReSearch Publication Party** at Dark Carnival Bookstore. Avant-garde ReSearch publications celebrates *Angry Women*, their 13th volume in a series of books chronicling anti-culture. Book features 15 outrageous female performance artists, writers & socio-sexual crusaders, including Susie "Sexpert" Bright, Lydia Lunch, Avital Ronell, belle hooks, Kathy Acker, Karen Finley & Annie Sprinkle. Tonight's event includes an artshow by *Angry Women's* cover illustrator Phoebe Gloeckner, live reptiles from the East Bay Vivarium, a Medusa cake & videos, plus the official grand opening of the "Sex & Death" section at Dark Carnival. 6 pm. 2978 Adeline St (across from Ashby BART Station). Info: (510) 845-7757.

BACW/Sonoma TGIF: Unwind with Bay Area Career Women/Sonoma County at Tweet's. 6-8 pm, $3. Info: Amy (707) 874-1621 or Cherie (707) 544-4266.

8th Annual ON SCREEN Women's Film Fest: today thru 1/19 at Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St at Valencia, SF. 3-day festival celebrates the work of women in film, video & TV thru screenings of feature films, animation, shorts, documentary & TV programs. Plus a seminar on women cinematographers & editors, and a seminar on funding independents; and presentation of the 1992 Career Achievements Awards, hosted by actress Ella Joyce of "Roc" and her husband, actor Dan Martin "New Rin Tin Tin." Also a showcase of work by the women of Frameline. For tix info & program details call 863-1087 or 648-6486.

Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group meets today—see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

"Action Theatre: Nowness," a workshop with Ruth Zapora which features experiential improvisational theatre techniques that bring participants into "nowness." 7-9 pm tonight & 9:30 am-5:30 pm tmw. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Holoenergetic Healing: Lecture/wkshop with Leonard Laskow on the new transformative paradigm which merges the scientific advances of modern medicine with the healing arts, resulting in a new understanding about the transformative process & the nature of the energies involved in change. 7-9 pm. Info: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Catheters & Sounds Wkshop with Albert Kraus, RN. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational classes for the s/m community. If you're interested in "playing nurse" or "playing hospital" this class, taught by a longtime registered nurse & leatherman (over 10 years) is for you. Learn how to use catheters (flexible tubes) and sounds (solid metal rods) safely. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm, $15. Prviate SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Info/reg: 550-7776.

HIV-Negative Men's Support Group spons by Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF meets at 7:45 pm. All HIV-negative men are welcome! 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: 863-4434.

John Cage tribute at Old First Church. Thomas Schultz presents a piano tribute to John Cage in celebration of his 80th birthday year. Cage will be present. Concert of works by John Cage, Christian Wolff & Frederic Rzewski. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Sacramento & Van Ness Ave, SF. Info/res: 474-1608.

Blues, gospel & more with Gwen Avery at Mama Bears: 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Don't miss! Info: (510) 428-9684.

Danny Williams in "1970" at Josie's—see 1/16 listing for details.

"Queens are Wild!" an original 2-act play by the Emma Goldman Players. Three outrageous charcters—a manic drag queen/telephone operator; a gay, urban professional hustler; and a mother who has survived her son's AIDS death, get together for an evening of canasta playing. The resulting action examines queer lib thru drama, music & farce, as the characters come to terms with their grief. 8 pm, $8-10 donation. Portion of proceeds benefit NOMENUS. Mission Neighborhood Center, 362 Capp St, SF.

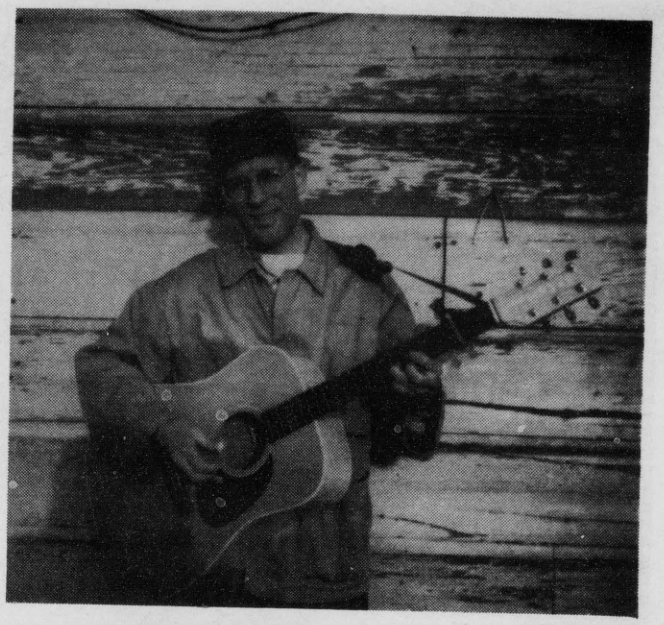
Karumanta (Mario Reynolds, Oscar Reynolds, Heber Tosini & Guido Moscoso) perform traditional & original music from the Andean regions of Bolivia, Peru & Ecuador. Strong & haunting vocals, variety of instruments. 8 pm, $8. KBBK Studios, 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Limited seating. Info/res: 563-9046.

Hollywood Movie Classics series at Oakland's Paramount Theatre continues with *Father of the Bride* at 8 pm. Doors open 7 pm. Program includes entertainment with organist Jim Riggs at the Wurlitzer, plus newsreel, cartoon, trailers, game prizes & the feature film. 2025 Broadway at 21st, Oakl. Info: (510) 465-6400.

Flamenco Music & Dance at La Pena with Flamenco Vivo! A sizzling eve of flamenco dance, song & music. 8:30 pm, $10. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

At DNA Lounge: *D'Cuckoo*—10 pm, $7. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

"Spoken Word Savages" spoken word performances series at The Marsh continues with an evening of interactive "cyberdelic cabaret" with members of NY's *Gargoyle Mechanique Laboratory* performing in their "East Meets West" cyperpunk cabaret tour, with videophone linkup to NYC & LA. Program includes work by the hysterical poet/performance artist & literary cyperpunk Baron Von Blumenzak as Zero



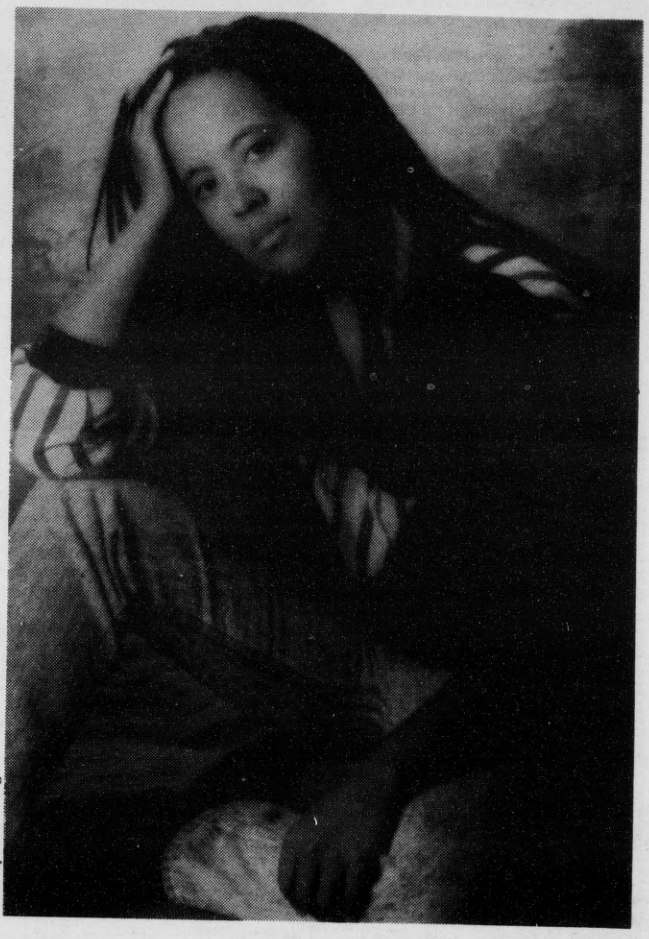


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Johnny D—"Joan Baez with a Crewcut" at Josie's, Jan. 21 & 22 (top); Diedre McCalla in concert at Mama Bears, Jan. 25 (middle); and "Queens Are Wild" with the Emma Goldman Gypsy Players, Jan. 17.

Boy; John S Hall of *King Missile*; artist/editor Tim Sweet; storyteller/musician Danielle Reddick; comic artists Arnold & Jacob Pander; and mistress of cermonies, Fly. 10:30 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 558-8112.

JAN 18 / SAT

SFAI Symposium on Artist Education—see 1/17 listing for details. Final day!

Mask Making, Yoga & Journaling Class offered by JFK University Graduate School for the Study of Human Consciousness. Wkshop uses mask making as a medium for accessing one's inner self, explores creative emotional & spiritual sources as well as cultural & ancestral ones. Participants are encouraged to challenge & examine their relationship to themselves as well as to others. Taught by Calvin Yau Kaleonhahe Ching (Daleo), a visual artist & practitioner of yoga & t'aiji. Saturdays 9 am-4 pm, thru 2/8, $75. 12 Altarinda Road, Orinda. Info: (510) 254-0105.

CADRE: Caregivers for Emotional Support to People with AIDS needs volunteers. Training available. CADRE is a program of the Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation. Call Beverly Jackson 822-1377 for info.

ON SCREEN Women's Film Festival continues at Roxie Cinema—see 1/17.

Soccer Lovers: 1st Division women's team seeks experienced goalie & halfbacks. Come join the fun! Call (510) 540-7540 for details.

Western Workers Labor Heritage Festival, see 1/17 listing for details.

Inspiration Point/Tilden Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take Grizzly Peak to either South Park Dr or Shasta Rd. Continue to Wildcat Canyon Rd. Meet at parking lot on left side of road, at 9:30 am. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Red Cross First Aid/CPR Class: Learn what to do in an emergency—save your friend's, lover's, co-worker's life! Earn both certificates for $25. Classes held today, 2/15 & 3/28 at Sierra Club, Polk & Ellis, SF. 9:30 am-5:30 pm. Info/reg: Lynn McIntire, RN (510) 530-7602.

"Translating English Gardens to a California Climate," talk & slideshow by well-known horticulturist Sarah Hammond, who helped create & directed the wonderful nursery at Smith & Hawken Supply. 10 am-11:30 am, $8. In the meeting room at the UC Botanical Garden. Pre-register by sending check payable to Friends, UC Botanical Garden, and send to UC Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, Berkeley,94720; attn English Gardens. Walk-ins are welcome. Info: 642-3343.

Creative Recovery Wkshop offered by Caryn Lea Summers, RN, author of *Circle of Health: Recovery through the Medicine Wheel*. Focus on recovery & creative expression, using medicine wheel symbols & mythology, and group processes. Powerful, day-long event to propel you to a deeper level of recovery. 10 am-5 pm, $85. At A New Leaf, the Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, downtown Larkspur. Info/reg: 924-8970.

AB 101 Fair Employment Initiative Volunteer Mobilization: Today & 1/25, 2/1 & 8, at 10 am; and Sundays, 1/19 & 26, 2/2 & 9 at 11 am; at 1590 Market St at Franklin, SF. Info: Rachel Timoner 252-5638.

Cat Behavior Class spons by SF SPCA. Cat behavior consultant Kate Gamble conducts this monthly seminar on kitty behavior. Gamble explains how to solve common cat behavior problems and answers your specific cat questions if time permits. 10 am-noon, $5. 2500 16th St, SF. Reg/info: 554-3073.

Coming Out 1-Day Wkshop for women new to woman-loving identity. 10 am-4:30 pm, $35-50 SL. Share feelings, fears & joys in a safe, confidential setting. Discuss coming out, work on sexual identity issues. Learn more about lesbian culture, community & oppression. Begin to create a support network. Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process. Mountain View location (40 min south of SF). Info/res: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981. Workshop repeats on 1/25.

In the Muse: A Creative Writing Wkshop facilitated by Gail Newman. 2-day workshop, today & 1/25. 10 am-3 pm, $50-$75 SL. No one turned away for lack of funds. Write from memories, dreams & the unconscious. Use writing exercises to discover your inner landscape & unique voice. Also discuss techniques to work thru writer's blocks. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Info/reg: 285-7636. Pre-reg required.

Fun for Kids at La Pena with Dan Goldensohn, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.



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"butchfemmelezziedykefag"—Lea DeLaria brings her show to Josie's, opening Jan. 29.

Surviving the Loss of a Relationship: A workshop for Lesbians. 10:30 am-3 pm, $55. Eastbay location. Led by Carolyn S Stroebe, PhD and Mary Butler, MA, MFCC. For info/reg: (510) 601-6445.

Geology Beach Walk with SF Hiking Club: Walk from the end of the "L" streetcar line to Fort Funston & beyond. An intro to the fundamentals of geology. The tilted sandstone & claystone of the seacliffs record at least 15 relative rises & falls of sea-level within the last million years. 10 miles max roundtrip, with no elevation gain. Wear tennis or walking shoes & bring warm sweater or windbreaker. Bring lunch & water. Cost: 85 cents (exact change) each way or MUNI Fast-Pass. Info: Clyde Wahrhaftig 285-1260 before 10 pm).

Surgical Suturing Wkshop with Albert Kraus, RN. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of classes & artistic projects for the s/m community. Suturing can be used for domination, humiliation or bondage, not to mention as a chastity device. Kraus, a longtime registered nurse & leatherman (over 10 years) shows you how. Doors open at noon, class 12:30-3 pm. $15. Private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Info/reg: 550-7776.

Tennis—Interested in playing on a USTA League (formerly VOLVO League)? All-women and all-men teams play weekly matches. Season starts in April, runs into July, with playoffs in August. Sat afternoon practices at SF State, with coach. For details call Barbara Gilman 824-4697.

Gay Male Couples Living with HIV: A panel discussion moderated by Damion Stein, LCSW. Panelists: Ann Grant, LCSW, discusses "Points of Transition of HIV Disease & Their Impact on Couples"; Jody Reis, LCSW, "Clarification of Clinical Issues"; Roz Leiser, RN, consultant, "Living with HIV Dementia"; Richard Wagner, PhD, "Sexuality & Couples Living with HIV"; Lisa Wuenneberg, LCSW, "Grief Issues & Couples." 1-5 pm, free. Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by Curaflex Infusion Services. Info: 1-800-444-1338.

Marin Women's Support Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 1:30 pm. For location & other info call 381-3563.

Bobby McFerrin, jazz vocalist/improv artist and Grammy Award-winner narrates the world premiere performances of American Ballet Theatre's new production of Peter & the Wolf today & tmw at 2 & 8 pm. Tix $15-65. Info/res: 864-3330 or 762-BASS.

Meet Presidential Candidate Jerry Brown: Dance party at Cesar's Latin Palace, 3140 Mission St, SF. 3-7 pm, $10 adv, $15 at door. Info: 202-1992.

***Sistah Boom* seeks Sistahs:** Group welcomes lesbian/feminist women of color with a commitment to social change, who would like to play in an Afro/Latin percussion ensemble. For details call (415) 695-7025 in SF or (510) 654-3360 in the Eastbay.

Lesbians Over 40 Group seeks new members. Two openings available in this leaderless support group. Interested members should be involved in self-exploration, have some experience with therapy and/or group dynamics, and be willing to take emotional risks in a safe & supportive environment. Weekly Mon night commitment required. SF locatilon. Call 332-9203 for info.

12-Step Meeting Space available at the Parsonage, see 1/16 listing for details.

Lesbian Beach-Fire Soiree in SF: Meet around 5 pm on Ocean BEach at Lawton—bring a snack!

BWMT Rap/Social Night: Join Black & White Men Together for socializing & discussion. Topic: "The King & I." Doors open at 6:30 pm, rap begins promptly at 7 pm. 1350 Waller St nr Haight & Masonic, SF. Facilitated by Calvin Lowery. Peter Eggenberger, greeter. Everyone is welcome! Refreshments served.

Game Night & Potluck spons by BACW/Marin. Join Bay Area Career Women for a night of fun—you bring the dish & beverage of your choice, the games & playmates are provided! Limited to 18 women, call Katherine 456-4482 for info. Reservations deadline is 1/15. $2.

Bo Huston Writing Class at A Different Light Bookstore starts this month. Prereg required, see 1/21 listing for details.

Bi-Friendly Theatre Outing: See Dean Goodman in "Windows & Mirrors: The Actor's Life for Me!" at Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St SF. Only 10 tix reserved, so call John 775-5697 by 1/14 to reserve your space. Tix $10.

Gospel Concert at MCC-SF: David Hyde & Jane Syssestead perform with the MCC-SF Worship & Praise choir. 7:30 pm, free (donations accepted). 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Jazz at ASTA Supper Club with *The Essentials*. 7:30-11:30 pm, no cover. One Rincon Center, 101 Spear St, SF. Info/res: 495-ASTA.

Linn Brown in Concert at KBBK Studios. Contemporary pop. Lyrical, introspective, polished. 8 pm, $6. Limited seating. Call 563-9046 for info/res. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF.

Voices: *Bay Area Lesbian Chorale Ensemble*, directed by Melanie DeMore, presents a fine evening of music & comedy with special guest comedian Marga Gomez! Accompanied on piano by Tracy Stark, ASL interpretation provided by Marilyn Van Veersen. At Laney College Theater, 900 Fallon St, Oakl (near Lake Merritt BART Station). Tix $10 adv, $12 at door, gen'l; $5 kids & srs. Available at A Different Light & Modern Times Bookstores in SF, at Mama Bears in Oakl, and at Gaia Bookstore in Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info/res: (510) 773-9181.

June & Jean Millington Concert at Mama Bears—rock, reggae & funk! 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Danny Williams in "1970" at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/16 listing for details.

Queens Are Wild! at Mission Neighborhood Center—see 1/17 listing for details.

The Dance Brigade, Holly Near & Theatre Flamenco in concert at Mission High School Auditorium tonight in a benefit for Buena Vista Public Alternative School, the only SF public school offering a Spanish-immersion program at the elementary school level. Proceeds benefit several of the school's programs. 8 pm. Tix at BASS For info/res call (510) 762-BASS. Don't miss!

At Sisterspirit Women's Books: Night of fine comedy improv with Over Our Heads. 8:30 pm, $7-10. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Talk to a *Live* Girl: An eve of spoken word, music & performance from the SF Women Writers Workshop at Elbo Room, 647 Valencia St at 17th, SF. Doors open at 8:30 pm, show starts at 9. $5. Performers: Sam Hoye, Beaver Parkins, Debra Bok, Marion Rust, Sarah Rosenthal, Joy, Noreen McSherry, Melissa Paca, Daytona Beach & Priscilla Be.

Vocalist John Gullotto & pianist Robert Kirsch & guests present an eve of cabaret entertainment at the Blue Muse restaurant. 9, 10 & 11 pm. 409 Gough St, SF. No cover. Info/res: 626-7505.

Dance at La Pena with *Benny Velarde Super Combo*. 9:30 pm, $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

Klubstitute Homophile Nite Club presents "Stuff the BAM Ballot Box" Night (anyone wishing to gain entrance must write in Miss Connie Champagne on ballots for *BAM Magazine*'s local yokel talent contest). Once you get in, enjoy performances by Connie Champagne & Her Tiny Bubbles, plus the Klubstitute debut of the senational Pussy Tourette. Dancing with dj Miss Go-Go Chanel. $4.98 after 10 pm, half-price before. 1751 Fulton St near Masonic, SF. Info: Diet or Remix 826-5358.

At the I-Beam: Paul Kantner's *Wooden Ships*, plus special guests. 10 pm, $12 adv, $14 at door. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Marilyn Pittman, Doug Holsclaw & Karla Carmony. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

JAN 19 / SUN

"The Feast of Martin Luther King," is the topic of Rev Jim Mitulski's sermon today at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF. 9 & 11 am. At the 7 pm service, Ravi Verma, UFMCC (Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches) Director of Administration, speaks on "Hinduism & Christianity: A Personal Journey." 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Western Workers Labor Heritage Festival in Oakland—final day! See 1/17 listing for details.

ON SCREEN Women's Film Festival—Final day! See 1/17 listing for details.

Baha'i Center Fireside Talks: Series of public talks on the various teachings & principles of Baha'u'llah. Today's program: A discusson on the principle of unity in diversity, led by Carol Whitling. 10 am. Baha'i Center, 170 Valencia St, SF.

Bernal Heights Dyke Brunch/Full Moon Potluck: 11 am-2 pm. Come meet your gal neighbors. Info/location: 695-0574. See you there!

AB 101 Fair Employment Initiative Volunteer Mobilization—see 1/18 listing for details.

Marin-Sonoma SIG Mtg spons by Bay Area Career Women/Marin. Come get together and plan a get-together, Sonomarin style. 11 am. For info/directions call Mary 892-1207.

Roe v. Wade 19th Anniversary Memorial: Join pro-choice forces to celebrate the 19th (and possibly final) anniversary of *Roe v Wade*. Teach-in today, rally on 1/22. For details call the Committee to Defend Reproductive Rights (CDRR) at 441-4434 or the Pro-Choice Coalition 255-1989. See you there.

Old Lesbian Writers Read at the Operation Concern Annex, 30 Pearl St, SF. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). For time & other info call 626-7000.

Bobby McFerrin narrates ABT's "Peter & the Wolf," see 1/18 listing for details.

G Forty Plus Club meets 2-4 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Today's program: Eric Ciasullo discusses the Int'l AIDS Conference in Florence Italy, which he attended last June, and gives an update on the world situation concerning AIDS. He also discusses his work as co-chair of Gay & Lesbian Youth Advocates. Eric directs Guerrero House, a transitional home for homeless young people, ages 18-21. Info: 552-1997.

"Stepping Into 1992," a clean & sober dance for leatherfolk of all genders & sexes, to benefit the 2nd Annual L/SM Roundup, a clean and sober conference for people in all 12-step recovery programs. 3-7 pm, $4-10 SL donation requested. 177 Townsend St, SF. For more info on L/SM Roundup write PO Box 425547, SF CA 94142.

Old First Concert series features the Chamber Music America Commissioning Showcase concert. Works by Roberto Sierra, Chan Ka Nin, Benjamin Lees, and Martin Bresnick, played by the Aurora String Quartet, the Alexander String Quartet, the Carnegie Chamber Players, and the Gray/Pearl Guitar Duo. 4 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts/srs. Sacramento & Van Ness Ave, SF. Info/res: 474-1608.

Women on War—Art & performance in response to the anniversary of the Gulf War bombing. A full moon visual art opening & performance evening of music, text & dance by women, benefiting 848 Divisadero, the cross-gender, cross-cultural community interactive artspace/home. Performers: Fat Chance Belly Dance, Mary Ellen Donald, Julie Kane of Contraband, Cori O. Miriam Kronberg, Celeste Conner. Visual Artists: K Ruby of Wise Fool Puppet Intervention, Andrea Mertz, Lauren Elder, Lynn Peterson, Gillis Kallem, Cori Potts, Anja Noack, Nancy Hall, Susan Kohlick. Visual art opening 5-8 pm, performances at 8. 848 Divisadero St at MacAllister. $5-10 donation.

Bo Huston Writing Class at A Different Light Bookstore starts this month, prereg required, see 1/21 listing for details.

Jazz with Helen Thomas at Labodega Restaurant, 1357 Grant St, SF. 7-9 pm. Info: 433-0439.

Rory McLeod in Concert at La Pena: One-man soul band from Britain—a foot-tapping, spoon-bashing, tambourine-

PARENTS & KIDS BOX

Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group meets 1/17 at First Presbyterian Church/San Rafael, corner of Mission & E St, in the Geneva Room (2nd floor). 7 pm. Childcare provided, $2 per family. Info: 457-1115.

Prospective Queer Parents Group: For lesbians & gay men who are interested in co-parenting, or seek known donor situations. For info call Leland (510) 841-4663.

Golden Gate Boys Choir & Bellringers holds their winter auditions thru 2/15. Open to all interested boys ages 7 and up, with unchanged voices. No previous musical training is necessary. 75-member choir includes boys from 5 Bay Area counties, offers boys & young men musical instruction & the chance to develop their talent. Rehearsal sites held in several convenient Bay Area locations. For info or to schedule an audition appt call (510) 887-4311.

Rainbow's End Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Youth Group for ages 23 & under meets Thurs evenings. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time, 7-9 pm group time. 1/16 & 23. For location & other info call 457-1115.

Small Change Strolling Group meets 12:30 am every Wednesday for excursions and a stroll thru Golden Gate Park. Free, everyone's welcome! Small Change also keeps a file of people interested in childcare exchange, playgroup formations, etc. Drop by & take a look. 1234 9th Ave, SF. Call 566-1234 for more info.

Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Friday nights for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies, star clusters & nebulae thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope or a 6-inch refractor telescope. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway round the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.

Winter Classes & Wkshops at Richmond Art Center, for adults & kids. Variety of visual arts media offered. Special series of classes for kids ages 3-16. Info: 620-6772.

For Kids at La Pena: 1/18—Heartwarming music for kids of all ages with Dan Goldensohn. 1/25—Susan Alexander & Pam Johnson use puppets, sign language & song to explore a world of strange & wonderful creatures. All performances at 10:30 am. Tix $3 for adults, $2 kids. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Plum City Players group of storytellers, songwriters & musicians present programs of original music & international folklore for kids & their parents at La Pena Cultural Center: 10:30 am on 2/22, 3/28 & 4/25. Kids $2, grownups $3. Info: (510) 845-5095 or (510) 222-6931.

"Don't Count Your Chickens Until They Cry Wolf," musical comedy by Carol Lynn Pearson, presented by the New Conservatory Children's Theatre Co & School. Series of vignettes exploring Aesop's fables. Every Sat & Sun afternoon at 3 pm, 2/1-3/1 at New Conservatory Theatre Complex, 25 Van Ness Ave at Market, SF. Tix $11 adults, $8 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 861-8972.

Family Theater at The Marsh: 1/25 at 2 pm, $2. L'eau Theque Productions presents "Choices & Chances," tales by Hans Christian Anderson. Bring the kids to see a rendition of "The Little Mermaid," "The Red Shoes," and "The Nightingale," performed with a combination of storytelling, dramatization, American sign language, mime, songs, dance & imaginative props. Lots of fun & surprises for kids & adults. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia, SF. Call 641-0235

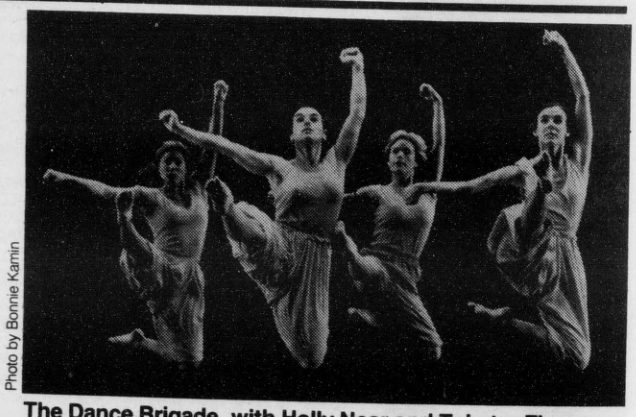


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The Dance Brigade, with Holly Near and Tehatre Flamenco perform to benefit for Buena Vista Public Alternative School, Jan. 18.

Holly Near, The Dance Brigade, & Theatre Flamenco perform at Mission High Auditorium in SF, in a benefit for Buena Vista Alternative School—see Main Calendar, 1/18, for details. Don't miss!

Children of Brazil & Beyond: An Int'l Children's Fair at the Women's Bldg: 1/26, 11 am-4 pm. Workshops, activities, food & fun for children & adults. 3543 18th St, SF. Info: BASE (510) 525-4267.

Encampment for Citizenship sponsors an annual (since 1946) 6-wk residential program for a diverse group of 50 youth interested in social issues & bettering their communities. This unique, multicultural program for teenagers (16-19) is held 7/5-8/14 in the SF Bay Area. Youth perform community service projects, enjoy cultural/artistic events, and take part in several in-depth small-group workshops on a variety of issues. Some issues under consideration for this summer's program include: health & poverty, int'l issues, human rights, racism & sexism, immigration, labor issues, youth empowerment, drugs, the environment, education and economics. For info/application write Encampment for Citizenship, 2530 San Pablo Ave, Ste B, Berkeley 94702 or call (510) 548-8908. Space is very limited & early application strongly advised for first priority & financial aid. Scholarships awarded based on family need. $35 application fee will be waived for applications postmarked by March 2, 1992.

under-the-arm performance done with intensity, humor & compassion. 7:30 pm, $6. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Editor Mark Pritchard presents writers from his popular polysexual zine, *Frighten the Horses*. 7:30 pm. Info: 431-0891.

Danny Williams In "1970" at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/16 listing for details.

JAN 20 / MON

Dept of Gay & Lesbian Studies at City College of SF offers several classes of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, including: Lesbians & Gays in Modern American Art & Culture, Anthropology of Homosexualities, Evolution of Film Expression: Homosexuality on Film, Orientation to College for lesbians & gays, Maintaining Sexual Well-Being, Women's Health Issues, Gay/Lesbian History, Issues in Lesbian Relationships, Issues in Gay Male Relationships, and more. For details call 239-3383. Also see 1/21, 22 & 27 listings.

Women Writers Wkshop spon by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6-8 pm. For location & other info call Pat 626-7000.

Poets Theatre Wkshops led by Intersection Writer-in-Residence Steve Benson, today thru 1/26 at 6:30 pm with performances on 1/25 & 26 at 8:30 pm. Benson, longtime innovator in the arena of poets theatre, leads a week-long exploration into poetics & performance, writing & improv, acting & directing, culminating in two evening performances. No charge for workshops, and no prior experience required. Performances $4. For info/sign-up call Kate or Andrea at 626-2787. 446 Valencia St, SF.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Breast Self-Exam Class, taught by Joan Lease, American Cancer Society facilitator. Currently, 1 woman in 9 will contract breast cancer. Early detection could save lives. Come increase your ability to detect breast lumps. Participants also get info pamphlets, chance to practice on a teaching model breast. 7 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation tonight & 1/27 at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. 7 pm. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info/calendar: Pierre 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm for food, drink & conversation at the Bison Brewery, 2598 Telegraph at Parker. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Susan 524-0574.

"A Taste of Japan at the New Year's Season," today's the deadline for reservations for this event—see 1/24 listing for details.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret. Emcee Danny Williams. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign-up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

BATS (Bay Area Theatresports) comedy/improv sporting event at ACT Playroom, tonight & 1/27 at 8 pm. Tix $10. 450 Geary Blvd, SF. Info: 824-8220.

Monday Night Marsh new work series continues with performances by premiere retro performance group Boy's Night Out, plus Kinji Hayashi's "Lotus or Dream of Dawn," Miriam Engelberg's "Interruptions," MJ Lallo's "Going Places & Making Noises." 8:30 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

Hot, Hot, Hot Soca at the I-Beam with *Arrow* and special guests. 10 pm, $10. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

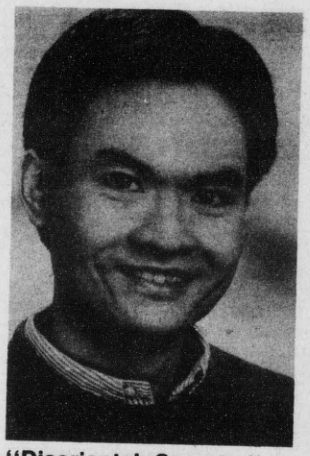
JAN 21 / TUE

Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF offers skilled & invidualized care & support by nurses, social workers, rehab therapists, attendants, volunteers, chaplains & bereavement counselors to people with HIV disease & their loved ones. Training for hospice volunteers begins today; to volunteer or for info on services & support groups, call 861-8705.

"Naming Names," lecture by *SF Examiner* columnist Stephanie Salter on the ethics of identifying alleged rape victims in the news media without their consent (this is legal in all but 3 states in the US). Noon-1 pm, free. Spons by UCSF Rape Prevention Education Program. Toland Hall, UCSF. Info: Tamara White 476-5223.

Lavender Lounge TV Dance Party for Gay Boys & Girls airs 1:30 pm on cable channel 25. Show title: "Dead Celebrities I." Hotline: 337-4921.

Guidance R/Orientation to College for lesbian, gay & bisexual students. Special section of City College of SF's orientation classes. The goal of the class,



"Disoriental Secrets," a work-in-progress by Patrick Lee at KBBK Studios, Jan. 24.

spons by the Dept of Gay & Lesbian Studies, is to help you maximize your educational experience as a gay, lesbian or bisexual student at CCSF. Instructor: Sarah Thompson. Info: 239-3320 or 239-3296. Also see 1/20 listing.

At Dark Carnival Bookstore: Novelist Jonathan Carroll (*The Land of Laughs, Voice of Our Shadow, Bones of the Moon*) autographs his last book, *Outside the Dog Museum*, and gives a reading from either his new book or a work-in-progress. 6 pm. 2978 Adeline St (across from Berkeley BART Station), Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757.

Women's Creative Writing Wkshop: Facilitated by writer/editor Suzanne Sherman. 6-wk class, $100. All skill levels welcome. Develop increased commitment to writing, generate material, tap creativity, thru in-class exercises and take-home suggestions. Oriented to individual goals. Info/reg: 530-7559.

Anger & Conflict in Relationships: Free 8-wk course offered thru SF City College's Castro-Valencia Program. Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, starting tonight. Taught by Genevieve Howe, MFCC. Info: 585-5150.

Gay & Lesbian History & Politics Class offered by City College of SF Dept of Gay & Lesbian Studies. 6-wk class meets Tues nights, 6:30-9:30 pm, tonight thru 2/28. Course covers the period from 1941 to the present, including WWII & the McCarthy era, the rise of the women's movement & lesbian feminism, pre-and post-Stonewall struggles, gays & lesbians of color issues, and issues raised by the recent transformations of the gay & lesbian subcultures. Tuition $6 (must be Calif resident for at least 1 year in order to qualify). Everett Middle School, 16th & 17th St, SF. Also see 1/20 listing.

Asian American Issues Thru Film: 18-wk class offered by SF City College Asian American Studies Dept explores historical & contemporary Asian American issues thru film. Meets Tues, 6:30-9:30 pm in the Arts Extension Bldg 266, CCSF, Phelan Ave at Ocean, SF. $18 one-time fee for CA residents. Info: 239-3865.

At Gaia Bookstore: Stephan Bodian, editor of *Yoga Journal*, former Zen Monk & practicing psychotherapist, discusses his book, *Timeless Visions, Healing Voices: Discerning a True Spiritual Guide*. Bodian draws upon his personal experiences to offer guidelines to help seekers navigate the spiritual path & integrate spiritual consciouness into everyday life. 7 pm, $3 or free with book purchase. 1400 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.

Dream Group spons by JFK University Community Counseling Center. For adults interested in exploring dreams in a supportive environment. Participants keep a journal, learn techniques that encourage dream exploration. Tuesdays, 7-9 pm, thru 3/9. $10 per session. Info/reg: (510) 798-9240.

BACW/Sonoma Dines Out—Today's the deadline for reservations—see 1/25 listing for details. Don't miss!

Erotic Reading Circle for Women: Women of all preferences & proclivities are invited to this informal monthly gathering at Good Vibrations. Bring any erotic writing, published or unpublished, poetry or prose, smutty or sublime, yours or someone else's—and share it with the group. Non-judgmental listening guaranteed, punctuality appreciated. 7-9 pm, free. Women only. 1210 Valencia St, SF. Info: 550-7399.

Seeking Your Spiritual Path: A series of ongoing free workshops at Rest Stop Support Center, led by Bert Herrman, author of *Being Happy, Being Gay*. This week's topic: "Where Are You? Integrity & the Chakras." 7-9 pm. 134 Church St, SF. Everyone welcome. Info: Erik 621-1701.

Lesbian Uprising! Political Group discusses women's music—Is there such a thing? What is it? Come find out. 7 pm. Call 621-0790 for info/location.

Bo Huston Fiction Writng Class: *SF Bay Times* columnist and author Bo Huston (*Horse & Other Stories, Remember Me*) teaches a 10-wk class in short story writing at A Different Light Bookstore. 7-9 pm. Class especially designed to encourage & assist gay & lesbian writers. A goal of the class is to work on fiction for publication, and the focus of class readings, discussion & exercises will be process. Limited enrollment, pre-reg required. Send writing sample, info about yourself & any writing classes you have taken, along with $50 reg fee to: Bo Huston, 25 Mirabel Ave, SF. For more info call 641-9470.

American Indian Update at La Pena Cultural Center: Monthly event presented by the International Indian Treaty Council. 7:30 pm, donation. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

Foggy City Dancers, gay & lesbian square dancers, offer free intro classes at Live Oak School beginning tonight & 1/28. 7:30-9:30 pm. Info: 863-8033.

Different Spokes/SF AIDS Bike-A-Thon holds a volunteer meeting tonight for those who would like to help plan, organize & promote the annual fundraiser, set for 5/9/92. 7:30 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: AIDS Bike-A-Thon (510) 339-2345.

***June* at The Marsh:** A performance/reading of work from the pages of *June*, a cavalcade of monthly drama for performance-oriented writing by women. 8 pm, $6. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

Author Fay Weldon (*Life & Loves of a She-Devil, Life Force, Moon Over Minneapolis*) appears in conversation with Sedge Thomson tonight at 8 pm, as part of City Art & Lectures' "On Art & Politics" series. Tix $16 & $12. Proceeds benefit the Women's Foundation. Info/res: 392-4400. Herbst Theatre, SF.

Johnny D in Concert at Josie's Cabaret. Queer folk musician Johnny D, "a Joan Baez with a crew cut," brings his unique blend of music & performance to Josie's tonight & tmw at 8 pm. Tix $8. Tonight's performance benefits the AIDS Emergency Fund. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Coming Into Our Fullness: *On Women Turning 40*—writer/photographer Cathleen Rountree discusses her beautiful, affirming book of images, profiles & interviews at Old Wives Tales Bookstore. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

At DNA Lounge: *Flipper* and *Disorderly Conduct*. 10 pm, $3. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

JAN 22 / WED

Life Fitness Development Wkshop for Women: 4 Wed, 1/22, 29; 2/5, 12; noon-1 pm, $35-$75 SL. No one turned away for lack of funds. Develop a safe, enjoyable, custom-made exercise plan, based on your current physical condition, goals & schedule. Also compare various training programs for strength, endurance, posture & back strength benefits. Led by D Joy Cavanaugh, PhD, exercise physiologist, fitness consultant & athlete. Pre-reg required. Info/reg: 476-5836.

"Retiring on an Increasing Income Stream," a talk on how to prepare your retirement finances in ways that increase your income. Presentation by Elizabeth Weeks of the Weeks Group, Merrill Lynch. Part of UCSF's Brown Bag lecture series. Noon-1 pm, Health Sciences West Bldg, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Room 300. Free. Info: 476-4394.

Spirituality Group for people with chronic & life-threatening illnesses, spons by Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, meets today & 1/29 at 1:30 pm. 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Free Theatre Classes at Rest Stop Support Center. Learn theater games, improv, production. Both beginners & advanced folk are welcome! Rest Stop is a support center for people living with HIV/AIDS/ARC, their friends & families. Classes are ongoing. Wednesdays 1:30-3:30 pm. 134 Church St nr Market, SF. Info: 621-1701.

12-Step Meeting Space available at the Parsonage, see 1/16 listing for details.

Southeast Asian Community in the US: 18-wk class examines the history of Vietnamese, Cambodian & Laotian refugees & immigrants in the US, and key community issues. Meets Wed, 6-9 pm, in Cloud Hall, 230, CCSF, Phelan Ave at Ocean, SF. $18 one-time fee for CA residents. Info: 239-3865.

Regaining Your Feminine Spirituality: Wkshop at A New Leaf, the Recovery Resource Store. Ifeoma Ikenze, MD, explores women's history as spirit mediators & guides; suggests practical ways to bring spirituality into our lives & into society. Free, at A New Leaf, the Recovery Resource Store. 545 Magnolia, downtown Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

We'll Never Go Back! Join tonight's nighttime march & speakout for abortion rights, a commemoration of the 19th anniversary of *Roe v Wade*, the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the United States. Don't let this be the last anniversary of legal abortion! March starts at 6:30 pm at 24th & Mission, SF. Bring noisemakers. Info: BACORR 541-5690.

Bi-Friendly UC support/social tonight on the Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF communities and their friends (all "university-identified" people) are welcome! 6:30 pm tonight & 1/29. Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for info/location.

Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) meets tonight at 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Gay & Lesbian Issues in the Workplace: Class offered by City College of SF Dept of Gay & Lesbian Studies. Taught by labor attorney & former field rep for the Calif School Employees Assoc, Patti Roberts. Topics covered include coming out on the job, homophobia in the workplace & how to deal with it, legal rights of lesbians & gay men at work, discrimination, organizing your union for greater protections, domestic partner benefits & AIDS/HIV at work. Also work on developing a Homophobia Sensitivity Training Packet for use in the workplace. 6-wk class meets on Wed at 7 pm, tonight thru 2/20. $6, you may register at the first class. Cloud Hall, room 259, 50 Phelan Ave, SF. Info: 267-6550 or 239-3383. Also see 1/20 listing.

Codependents Anonymous meets 7:30 pm at 754 14th St, SF. For gays, lesbians & others with codependency issues. Info: Nancy 255-7560. Group meets every Wed for 1 1/2 hrs.

Cuban Videos at La Pena: See *Portrait of Castro's Cuba, Part I*, about Cuba's independence and the high price Cubans have had to pay for it; plus *Clendestinos*, a beautifully photographed political thriller. Spons by the Venceremos Brigade. 7:30 pm, $3-5. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

Sensory Deprivation Class with Ann Soucy-West. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational classes for the s/m community. Come find out what it's like to have the input from your senses systematically stripped away. Ann uses gags, blindfolds, cotton balls & plastic wrap to create an internal environment that she then manipulates. Two very different scenes will be demonstrated: one gentle & meditative, the other hinging on terror & intimidation. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm, $15. Private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Info: 550-7776.

"Inner Year," a festival of intimate & timely contemporary dance at New Performance Gallery. Tonight's program: Karina Epperlein performs "Deutschland," the chillingly evocative journey of a soul both divided & united by personal and political history. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm, $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 863-9834. 3153 17th St btwn South Van Ness & Folsom, SF.

Johnny D in Concert at Josie's—see 1/21 listing for details.

New Music Night at the Marsh: An eve of computer-generated msuic with Mark Trayle & John Bischoff. 8 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

Poetry at Cody's with George Evans & Gillian Conoley. 8 pm, $2. Upstairs at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

JAN 23 / THU

Joyfire Wkshop: A workshop for women in sound/movement improv. Uses techniques of toning, harmonics, martial arts and mime, with focus on healing ourselves & the planet. 6-wk class taught by Debbie Fier & Vicki Dello Joio. 9:30-11:30 am. Info: 535-2180 or 826-5244.

"From Victims to Victors," a discussion of women & self-defense training, with Joan Lidsker, PhD. Dr Lidsker discusses her groundbreaking research, "Women & Self-Defense Training: A Study of Psychological Changes Experienced by Participants in Relation to Assault History," which reveals that self-defense training can have a positive impact on women's sense of power in the world and their ability to set limits. Noon-1 pm, free. Spons by UCSF Rape Prevention Education Program. Toland Hall, UCSF. Info: Tamara White 476-5223.

BAYMEC Police Forum: Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee meets tonight with San Jose Police Chief Lou Cobarruviaz. 5-7 pm, with talk at 6 pm at the San Jose Hyatt, (Hwy 101 & North

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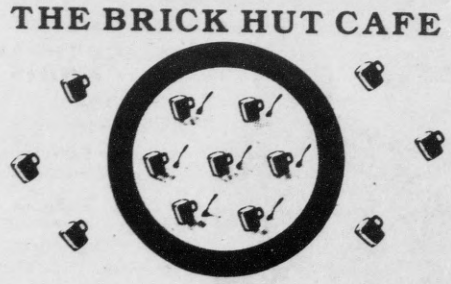
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LGADDA "Coming Out" Party: Lesbians & Gays of African Descent United for Democratic Action host a mixer for those interested in joining an independent political organization dedicated to African American lesbian & gay empowerment. 5:30-8:30 pm at 37 States St, Apt #18 (off Castro St), SF. Info: 221-1612.

The Inside Track: Contracting with East Bay Municipal Utility District & other large agencies—a presentation spons by Women Empowering Women, featuring EBMUD's Minority Business Enterprise administrator Beverly Johnson & a panel of experts. 6-9 pm, $15 adv, $20 at door. Lake Merritt Boathouse, 568 Bellevue Ave, Oakl. Info: WEW (510) 482-8583.

Networking & Informational Interviewing: Workshop offered at JFK University. Learn how to access the many jobs that are never listed in the want ads. Learn how to build & use a network of professionals in your chosen field. Also gain broader knowledge of specific careers & jobs. 6-8 pm, $25. Gallagher Career Development Center, JFK University, 1250 Arroyo Way, Walnut Creek. Info/reg: (510) 295-0610.

Rainbow's End lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group meets tonight, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

"Stress & Coping Following Man-made & Natural Disasters," a talk by Charles Marmar, MD, UCSF associate professor of psychiatry & director of the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Clinic at the SF VA Medical Ctr. Are you (or is someone you love) experiencing sleeplessness nights, nightmares, difficulty concentrating, unexplained anger or depression? These & other reactions can follow psychological traumas such as earthquakes, fires, combat, rape & sexual assault. Come learn about which reactions are normal & which require mental health interventions, as well as effective coping skills to use following psychological trauma. 7-8:30 pm at Toland Hall, UCSF, 533 Parnassus Ave, SF. Free parking available in the Millberry Union Garage at 500 Parnassus. Info: 476-8429.

At Gaia Bookstore: Aaron Kipnis, author of *Knights Without Armor: Men in Quest of a Masculine Soul*, and his partner Elizabeth Hingston discuss the different cultures lived in by women & men, our different emotional language, and our shared wounding in a bi-sexist culture. An exploration of how we can work together for gender reconciliation, and toward a new understanding of the deep psychological ecology of gender. 7 pm, $3 or free with book purchase. 1400 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-6134.

"Martin Buber: Biblical Faith & Religious Humanism," the first lecture in the "Modern Spiritual Masters" lecture series with Robert McDermott. 7-9 pm. Tonight's lecture covers Buber's life of dialogue; interpreting biblical revelation; I & Thou; toward an I-You way of life in religion, education, marriage & family, art, nature, language & community. Info: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Rounds Singing for Women Class: Learn beautiful rounds of love, work, play, spirit & freedom; in many languages, from many centuries. Thurs eves, 7:15-9 pm. For fee, location & other info call Kay 285-9642.

MusicSources' Thurs Eve Previews of Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra's winter concerts, led by John Butt, UC Berkeley organist & Philharmonia keyboardist (with Christie Brown & Stephen Rumph). 7:30-9:30 pm, $60/$50 per session. Four meetings at MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley. Info: (510) 528-1685.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap meets 7-9:30 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "What Can We Learn From Our Gay Male Friends About Sex, Love & Relationships," led by Lynn. All women welcome, feel free to bring your gay male friends. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

London Stage Co actors perform Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* at Stanford University's Dinkelspiel Auditorium tonight thru 1/25 at 8 pm, $18 & $16 gen'l, $3 stdnt discount. Info: 725-ARTS.

"Inner Year," dance festival continues at New Performance Gallery with Karina Epperlein's "Deutschland," see 1/22 for details.

Danny Williams in "1970" at Josie's Cabaret—see 1/16.

Caribbean & Brazilian Music with *The Claudia Gomez Band* at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. 8 pm, $8. Info: 849-2568.

JAN 24 / F R I

Women's Reunion Winter Wkend at Camelot Resort in the Russian River. Today thru 1/26. Everyone welcome! Call (707) 869-2538 or (800) 922-7807 for details.

BACW/Marin Dines Out: Join Bay Area Career Women/Marin for a night of delicious food & fine conversation at the Ming Garden Restaurant in San Anselmo. Good food, good prices, no MSG. 7 pm, $1 BACW reservations fee. Info: BJ 457-2482.

"Love & Body," a lecture with Stanley Keleman about love as not just an emotional experience but also as a holistic, somatic experience. 7-9 pm. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

"A Taste of Japan at the New Year's Season," a cultural talk presented by the Japanese Cultural Center at Foothill College. Learn about how New Year's is celebrated in Japan, see slideshow, sample teas & seasonal snacks. 7:30 pm, $12 gen'l, $9 srs & stdnts with ID. Pre-paid reservations required by 1/20. 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills. Info: 949-7302.

At Sisterspirit Women's Books: Author Robbi Sommers (*Pleasures*) reads from her latest hot novel, *Kiss & Tell*. Reading, booksigning & more. Women only. 8 pm, free. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

London Stage Co actors perform Shakespeare—see 1/23.

Danny Williams in "1970" at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/16 listing for details.

Oakland Eastbay Symphony 1992 season opens with an all-orchestra program conducted by music director Michael Morgan. Works by Rossini, Mozart, Sir Edward Elgan and Robert Maggio. 8 pm at Calvin Simmons Theatre, Kaiser Convention Center, 10 10th St, Oakland. Tix $10-35. Info/res: (510) 465-6400.

AM Adrain Concert at Mama Bears: Acoustic folk/rock with eclectic favorites. 8 pm, women only. $6-8. Info/res: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Sweet Honey in the Rock return to UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Auditorium for a concert of electrifying vocals in the African American choral tradition. Beautiful blues, jazz & gospel stylings. SIGN interpretation provided. 8 pm. For tix prices & other info call (510) 642-9988 or (510) 762-BASS.

Disoriental Secrets: Patrick Lee reads his work-in-progress at KBBK studios—"an uproarious, scandalous, transethnic journey of consciousness-lowering, stereotype reinforcement, and political incorrectness." 8 pm, $7-10 SL fee. Limited seating, for info/res call 563-9046. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF.

Women's Work at Work Site: "The House of Bliss," dancer Errin Fitzgerald & Co from NYC perform recent work & a site-specific premiere. Painted decor by visual artist Paul Wallace, music by Jon Beppler. 8:30 pm tonight & tmw, $5-10 SL fee. 3385 22nd St at Guerrero, SF. Info: 206-1418.

Same-Sex Country Western Dance at La Pena Cultural Center: Fog City Dancers present a square dance performance. All bi's, lesbians, gays & straights are welcome! Dance lessons 8:30-9:30 pm, performance 9:30 pm, dancing 10 pm to midnight. $5-10. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

Boiled in Lead at the DNA Lounge, 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

"Spoken Word Savages" series continues with "Street Voices," a night of poetry/performance with Jerome Washington, author of *Notes from a Prison Journal; One Crow/One Buddah;* and *The Boys in Cell Block C*. 10:30 pm, $4. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 558-8112.

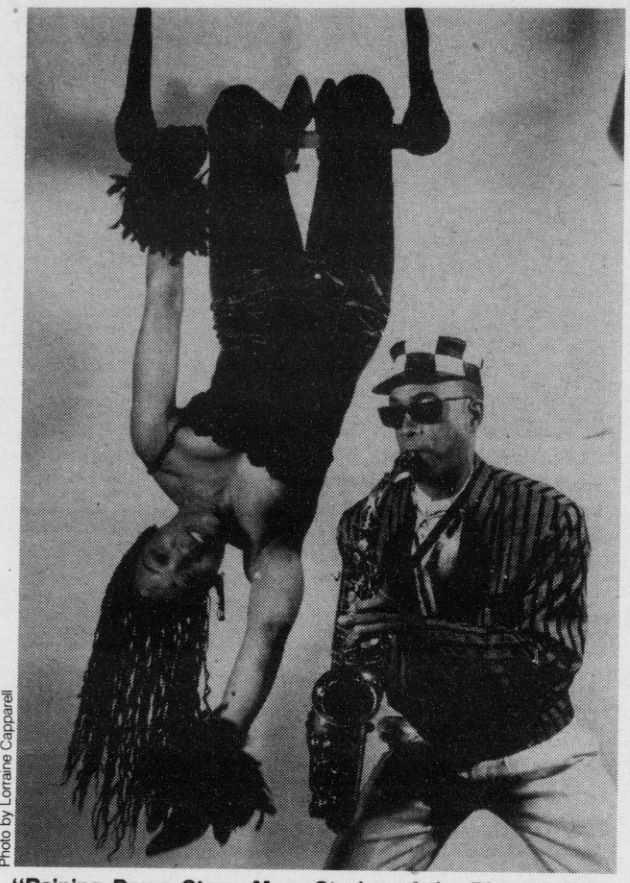


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"Raining Down Stars: More Stories of the Diaspora" by Cultural Odyssey Theatre Co, Jan. 17-19.

JAN 25 / S A T

Conference on Genocide: 2-day event spons by the Uhuru Reparations Now! Brigades features reported by Omali Yeshitela, chairman of the African People's Socialist Party. Conference called to "draw attention to the conditions that exist for African people & other oppressed people and discuss the relationship of the white community to this reality," and features presentations & workshops on "The Counterinsurgency Today: US War Against African & Other Colonized Peoples," and "The Black Power Movement & White Solidarity: Building the Movement for White Reparations to the African Community." Other conference speakers include Sid Welsh of the American Indian Movement, Penny Hess of the African People's Solidarity Committee and a rep of Union del Barrio. Held at Unitas House, Bancroft & College, Berkeley. 9:30 am-6 pm today, noon-5 pm tmw. For tix & other info call (510) 655-6969 or (510) 763-3342.

Rose Pruning Wkshop spons by UC Botanical Garden. Learn effective rose techniques & proper pegging for shrub roses. Taught by horticulturist Peter Klement. $15. Registration limited to 18 people. Reserve your seat by sending a check payable to Friends of the Botanical Garden. Mail to UC Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, Berkeley, 49720, attn Pruning. Info: 642-3343.

Soccer Women—see 1/18 listing for details.

CADRE needs volunteers! See 1/18 listing for details.

Sex Addiction: 1-day class offered by the West Coast Institute of Addictive Studies. In-depth exploration of the issues surrounding compulsive sexual behavior. 9 am-5 pm. Fee. For info/reg: 585-5212.

Alameda Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take 23rd Ave exit off Hwy 880 to Kennedy St (which merges briefly with 23rd), turning right onto Park St. Cross Park St Bridge into Alameda and continue on Park thru town to Otis. Turn left on Otis & follow across bridge. Turn right on Island Dr and immediately right onto Veterans court. Meet 9:30 am at end of court. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Radical activist Sonia Johnson & Jean Tait lead a one-day workshop for women only, in Santa Rosa. Come explore what we might discover if we abandon patriarchal notions about relationships & sex. A day to, "get right down to the core & share our experiences and experiment in freeing ourselves from internalized oppressions around our bodies." 10 am to 4 or 5 pm, $40-50 SL fee. At Santa Rosa Senior Center. Pre-reg suggested, call (707) 874-1733 for reg/info.

Coming Out 1-Day Wkshop for women new to woman-loving identity—see 1/18 listing for details.

7-Steps to Healing Wkshop: Offers a healing model for adults abused as children. 10 am-5 pm, $60. Info/reg: Rachel Bat Or, MFCC. (510) 444-4419.

AB 101 Fair Employment Initiative Volunteer Mobilization, see 1/18 listing for details.

Fun for Kids at La Pena with Susan Alexander & Pam Johnson—see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Hortiphiles Brunch & Orchid Tour: Meet at noon at Hebee's, 12 Bayhill Shopping Center, San Bruno. Re-group at 2:30 pm at Rod McLellan's, 1450 El Camino Real, South San Francisco. Newcomers are welcome! Hortiphiles is a group for gay & lesbian plant & garden lovers. For more info call the Hortline: 851-1022 or write Hortiphiles, PO Box 31, Palo Alto, CA 94301.

Tennis—Interested in playing on a USTA League? See 1/18 listing for details.

12-Step Meeting Space available at the Parsonage, see 1/16 listing for details.

Sistah Boom seeks Sistahs—see 1/18 listing for details.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Author Ann MacLeod reads from her new lesbian novel, *Being Someone*, the story of how two women stay in love while losing four jobs, moving cross country, and ending up on opposite sides of an anti-nuke demonstration. 4 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Lesbians Over 40 Group seeks new members, see 1/18 listing for details.

St Paul's Day Celebration: Festal Evensong with music directed by Peter R Hallock, renowned composer & former choir director/organist at St Mark's Cathedral, Seattle. Music sung by the choirs of St Paul's Episcopal Church of Walnut Creek & St Paul's of Oakland. Open rehearsal 1:30-3:30 pm, celebration at 5 pm. Freewill offering. Gala reception follows service. St Paul's Episcopal Church, 114 Montecito at Grand Ave, Oakl.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Stephen Beachy reads from his forceful novel, *The Whistling Song*. 5 pm. 431-0891. 489 Castro St, SF.

HIV-Negative Potluck Social spons by the AIDS Health Project. 5:30 pm, free. Eve of fun, games & videos. Bring your favorite dish to share! Kairos House, 114 Douglas St at 17th, SF. Info: Josh 431-9049.

BWMT Rap/Social: Join Black & White Men Together for a discussion of, "Being Gay in the Workplace." Doors open at 6:30 pm, rap begins promptly at 7 pm. 1350 Waller St nr Haight & Masonic, SF. Calvin Lowery, facilitator; Peter Eggenberger, greeter. Refreshments served. Everyone welcome!

"Impromptu Night" with Girth & Mirth Club of SF. Free event. Bring your own refreshments. 176-B Page St, SF. For time & other info call 824-0260. Girth & Mirth is a club for chubby gay men & their admirers.

BACW/Sonoma Dines Out! Join Bay Area Career Women/ Sonoma County for an eve of delicious Italian food & fun at Restaurant Siena, 1229 N. Dutton Ave, Santa Rosa. Bring your Sonoma Express! 7 pm. Reservations deadline is 1/21. Info: Christine (707) 996-1550.

Jazz at ASTA Supper Club with Clairdee. 7:30-11:30 pm, no cover. One Rincon Center, 101 Spear St, SF. Info/res: 495-ASTA.

Acoustic Guitar/Jazz concert with Adam Levy & Alex Candelaria at KBBK Studios, 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. 8 pm, $7. Seating limited. Info/res: 563-9046.

"Inner Year," contemporary dance festival continues with Kinetempo performing the leading edge of modern Mexican dance. 8 pm, $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Tonight & tmw at New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF.

Deidre McCalla Concert: An eve of fine soft rock, folk & r&b at Mama Bears. Special treat! 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Queens are Wild! A night of radical drag, street theater, politics & fun with the Emma Goldman Gypsy Players gay theater troupe. 8 pm, $5-15 SL fee. Louden Nelson Community Center Auditorium, 301 Center St at Laurel, Santa Cruz. Spons by the Santa Cruz Lesbian & Gay Community Center & Earth First! Info: (408) 425-8094.

Country/folk performers Robin & Linda Williams, well-known from their appearances on PBS' *A Prairie Home Companion*, present a concert of old-time country, blues, bluegrass, rock-a-

billy & gospel at Luther Burbank Center for the Arts in Santa Rosa. 8 pm, $9 gen'l, $7 srs & kids under 12. Info: (707) 838-4857.

Danny Williams in "1970" at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/16 listing for details.

Wild Abandon Dance Party II: A night of "highly danceable, tranceable, edible music" by *Derive*. Swirling Afro-Euro-Mid-Eastern-Funky-Jazzy sonic frontiers. Transformative dancers & movement explorers of all persuasions are welcome. 8:48 pm, sharp! $5 donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. 848 Divisadero/upper level (near McAllister), SF. Info: Med-O 864-1013.

London Stage Co actors perform Shakespeare—see 1/23 listing for details.

At Sisterspirit Women's Books: Hunter Davis in concert—night of fine women's music & guitar. Doors open at 8 pm, concert starts at 8:30. $7-10 SL fee. Wheelchair Accessible. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Dance at La Pena with *Dr Loco's Rockin' Jalapeno Band*. 9:30 pm, $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Karen Ripley, Scott Capurro & Lisa Geduldig. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Lounge Nite at the I-Beam with Johnny Moon & *The Lunatics*. Two sets! $6. Info: 668-6006. 1748 Haight St, SF.

At Klubstitute "Happy Homo" Nite Club tonight: Tony Valguely presents The Sick & Twisted Players in "The Poseidon Adventure," a thrilling full-scale stage re-enactment of the 70's disaster movie classic by America's gender-bendin' theatre troop; with an all-star cast featuring Leigh Crow (aka Elvis Herselvis) in the Ernest Borgnine role. Also back by popular demand—Miss Bambi Lake!—doing her Ann Margaret tribute; and disc jockette Miss Go-Go Chanel. $4.98 after 10 pm, $2.49 before. 1751 Fulton St nr Masonic, SF. 21 & over, bring ID. Info: Remix 826-5358.

JAN 26 / SUN

Conference on Genocide spons by Uhuru Reparations Now! Brigades continues at Unitas House in Berkeley. See 1/25 listing for details.

9th Annual Hike to the Top of SF's 4 Tallest Hills (then down to Glen Canyon) with SF Hiking Club. Total hiking distance 7 miles. Elevation gain 700 ft near beginning of hike, 500 ft more later. Moderate difficulty. Panoramic views. Wear shoes with good gripping soles. Trails are steep in places. Meet 9:45 am at Harvey Milk Plaza, SW corner of Market & Castro, SF. $0.85 exact change each way, or MUNI Fast-Pass. Led by Bill Choisser. Rain cancels. Bring lunch.

Women in Jazz Conference at New College of California, presented by the Women's Jazz Network & Jazz Studies at New College. Workshops, jam sessions & more. 10 am-5 pm, $5. Lunch provided. Info: Cynthia 647-9544.

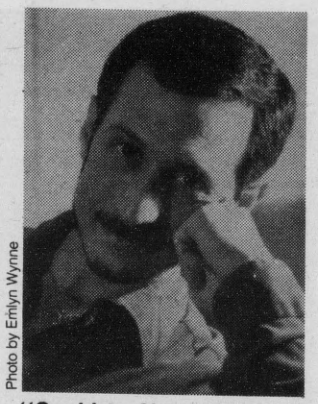


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"Seeking Your Spiritual Path," a workshop with Bert Hermann, Jan. 21.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch & support group: 10 am-noon, free. For lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info/location: (510) 482-0787 or (510) 339-1314.

AB 101 Fair Employment Initiative Mobilization—see 1/18 listing for details.

Bi-Friendly Traditional Bisexual Potluck Brunch: The perfect cure for post-holiday blahs. Come enjoy pancakes, orange juice & friendly conversation. 11 am in the inner Sunset—12th & Judah, SF. Call Pierre 753-0687 for exact address & other info.

Fred & Fred/Ginger & Ginger Tea Dance: An afternoon at the Metronome Ballroom for lesbians & gay men. Held the 4th Sun of each month. 2-5 pm. Beginning lesson & dancing. $5. Showplace Square, 1830 17th St, SF. Info: 252-9000.

12-Step Meeting Space Available at the Parsonage, see 1/16 listing for details.

Tea & Classics at Josie's Cabaret—members of the Women's Philharmonic play in small ensembles. 4 pm, $6. 3583 16th St at Market St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MusicSources Culinary Series continues with Alice Medrich & Chocolate. Medrich, founder of Cocolat, discusses the grand entrance of chocolate into Austrian society in the 18th century, and its present importance. Talk illustrated with Viennese music & chocolate. 5 pm, $12 genl, $10 stdnts & srs. MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 528-1685.

HIV-Positive Potluck Social spons by the AIDS Health Project. 5:30 pm, free. An evening of fun, games & videos. Bring your favorite dish! Kairos House, 114 Douglas St at 17th. Info: Josh 431-9049.

Jazz in North Beach with vocalist Shanna Carlson at Labodega Restaurant, 1357 Grant St, SF. 7-9 pm. Info: 433-0439.

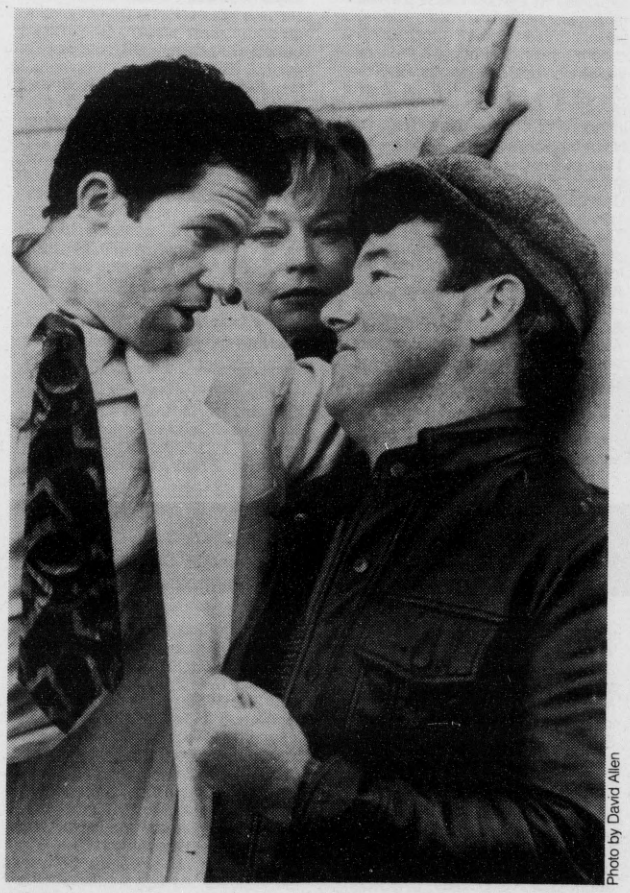


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"Greek" a Magic Theatre production. OnStage has details.

MCC-SF Healing Service: Metropolitan Community Church of SF welcomes everyone to tonight's service offering prayers of healing for any area of our lives. 7 pm. 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Native American Women Videos at La Pena Cultural Center: Fun to Furious Feminist Video Series #3 focuses on Native American women and their current struggle against US colonialism. Also get update on the 1992 Int'l Women's Day Demo, "500 Years of Resistance Through Women's Eyes." Spons by Women Against Imperialism. 7:30 pm, $3-5. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Authors Eric Latzky & Richard Loranger read from new work in progress. 7:30 pm, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Danny Williams in "1970" at Josie's Cabaret—final performance! See 1/16 listing for details.

"Inner Year," dance festival features work by Kintempo at New Performance Gallery—see 1/25 listing for details.

JAN 27 / MON

12-Step Meeting Space available at the Parsonage, see 1/16 listing for details.

Avant-garde artist John Cage: The rewnowned composer will be in residence at Stanford University thru 1/31 at the Stanford Humanities Center, where he will give a lecture & a number of performances in celebration of his 80th birthday. For program details & other info call the Tressider Ticket Office 723-4317.

Lesbians & Gays in Modern American Art & Culture: Class offered thru the City College of SF Gay & Lesbian Studies Dept. Survey of the contributions of lesbian & gay people to modern American art & culture in several fields—painting, photography, dance, poetry. Focus on major figures from Walt Whitman to Gertrude Stein to Andy Warhol. Course makes clear that lesbian & gay people have not only been at the forefront of modernism in America, but were in fact responsible for it. Class meets Mondays, 6:30-9:30 pm, thru 6/27. Everett Middle School, 450 Church St at 17th, SF. Tuition $18 for the semester, or $6 per unit. For more info call Jonathan 239-3876 or the Dept of Gay & Lesbian Studies 239-3383. Also see 1/20 listing.

Codependency in Relationships: 8-wk free course offered thru SF Community College's Castro-Valencia program. Monday evenings, 6:30 pm, starting tonight. Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Taught by Bev Wells, PhD. Info: 585-5212.

Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight for food, drink & conversation; see 1/20 listing for details.

The Civilization of the Goddess: An Eve in honor of Marija Gimbutas, professor emerita of European archaeology at UCLA & the world's foremost scholar of old European Goddess cultures. Tonight's event celebrates the publication of her latest book, *The Civilization of the Goddess*, which documents the peaceful, egalitarian, Goddess-centered civilization of Old Europe. Program features special guests drummer Barbara Borden & ritualist Vicki Noble, and others to be announced. 7 pm, $6, free with book purchase. Hunter Hall, St John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: Gaia Bookstore (510) 548-4172.

Drumming Circle with Barbara Borden: 7:30 pm, $5 donation requested. Christ Presbyterian Church in Terra Linda, Freitas Parkway & Del Ganado. Call 457-1115 to confirm this location & date.

"The Politics & Possibilities of Alternative Energy," a lecture by Kenneth Cohn, founder of Second Wind. Cohn discusses the use of wind, solar, biomass, geothermal, and other energy technologies as a means of reducing the environmental hazards caused by coal, oil & nuclear energy. Also discussion of federal policies & market realities. Individual questions answered. 7:30 pm, $4. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Lesbian Support Group spons by Ministry of Light begins tonight. Group meets alternate weeks for 8 session, 7:30-9 pm. Info/res: 457-1115.

***San Francisco Says No**... to the New World Order*—documentary presented by Paper Tiger TV/West alternative media program. Captures the intense & creative movement against the Gulf War which erupted in SF streets. 8 pm on SF cable channel 25.

BATS (Bay Area Theatresports) at ACT Playhouse—see 1/20 listing for details.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Danny Williams. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics sign-up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Monday Night Marsh new work series continues with premiere retro performance group Boy's Nite Out, plus Robert DeNatale's "Real Life," and MJ Lallo's "Going Places & Making Noises." 8:30 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

JAN 28 / TUE

Filipino American Community Class offered by City College of SF Asian American Studies Dept examines the history of the Filipino American community, and current community issues. Meets Tues & Thurs, 11 am-12:30 pm, in Batmale Hall, 236, CCSF, Phelan Ave at Ocean, SF. $18 one-time fee for CA residents. Info: 239-3865.

Lavender Lounge TV Dance Party for Gay Boys & Girls airs 1:30 pm on cable channel 25. Show title: "Dead Celebrities II." Hotline: 337-4921.

12-Step Space available at the Parsonage, see 1/16 listing for details.

Career Forum at SFJCC: Come shape up your job search—counselors from Jewish Vocational Services share valuable info about job search strategies, interviewing, resumes & cover letters. Individual questions answered. 7-9 pm at SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. $5. Info: 346-6040.

man2man: Heart-to-Heart: Make heart connections wiht other men. 7-9 pm free. At The Rest Stop, 134 Church St, SF. Info: Tommy 239-7839.

Foggy City Dancers, gay & lesbian square dancers, offer free lessons tonight, see 1/21 listing for details!

Poetry Reading at Intersection: Aleka Chase, John High & Michelle Murphy read from their works. 8 pm, $4. 446 Valencia St, SF. Info: 626-ARTS.

Jackson Saints at DNA Lounge: 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

JAN 29 / WED

"Chronic Fatigue Syndrome," a talk about this complex physical ailment by Jay Levy, MD, professor of medicine & UCSF research associate for the UCSF Cancer Research Institute. Part of UCSF's Brown Bag lectures series. Noon-1 pm, free. Health Sciences West Bldg, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Room 300. Info: 476-4394.

Free Theater Classes at Rest Stop Support Center, see 1/22 listing for details.

Spirituality Group for people with chronic & life-threatening illnesses, see 1/22 listing for details.

12-Step Program Meeting Space available at the Parsonage, see 1/16 listing for details.

Pet Rent Seminar: A 3-hour workshop spons by SF SPCA. Experts from the rental industry give tips on how to find a rental property that allows pets, how to negotiate with rental agents & property owners, and how to best present yourself & your pet to a potential landlord. Also review of responsible pet ownership. Anyone interested in becoming a better pet owner is welcome to attend. 6-9 pm at SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. $15 donation requested. Reg/info: 554-3050.

HIV Positive Resource Forums: SF AIDS Foundation offers 1 1/2 hr evening forums on early HIV intervention resources, employee & govt benefits, and legal & insurance issues. 6-7:30 pm, last Wed of each month, beginning today. Pre-reg required, call Lou Valla 864-5855, ext 2511, for details. Meetings are facilitated by a SF AIDS Fdn social worker & an AIDS Legal Referral Panel attorney.

Bi-Friendly UC support group/social on the Berkeley campus tonight—see 1/22 listing for details.

At Gaia Bookstore: Florinda Donner, author of *The Witches Dream* and *Shobono*, discusses her new book, *Being-In-Dreaming: An Initiation into the Sorcerer's World*, a journey into the surrealistic world of ancient Meso-American traditions, a riveting account of her initiation into the feminine aspect of the spirit world. 7 pm, $3 or free with book purchase. 1400 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.

Nat'l Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Studies Conference: Efforts are underway to host the 1993 conference in SF. If you're interested in helping this coalition effort, come to tonight's meeting at Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. 7 pm. Info: Jonathan Katz 239-3876 or Donna Mooney 239-3680.

***Kiss & Tell* Bookparty: Author Robbie Sommers** (*Pleasures*) gives a reading to celebrate the release of her "steamy, hot & provocative" new novel. 7-9 pm, free. Good Vibrations, 1210 Valencia St, SF. Info: 550-7399.

Codependents Anonymous Group for gays, lesbians & others with codependency issues. Meets 7:30 pm at 754 14th St, SF. Info: Nancy 255-7560.

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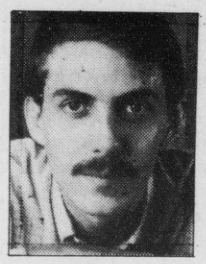
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Candlelight Service at MCC-SF, in the style of the Taize Community. 7:30 pm; 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Jon Sugar & Sam Ambler read their poetry tonight at Potrero Hill Neighborhood Theatre, 953 DeHaro St at 20th, SF. 7:30 pm.

Guatemala Film at La Pena: See *Todos Santos: The Survivors*, film about political violence in a Guatemalan highland Mayan village. Spons by Guatemala News & Information Bureau. 7:30 pm, $4-7. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

New Music at The Marsh series continues with Susan James presenting originals, J Leander S presenting sad songs with happy endings. 8 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

Comic Lea DeLaria in "butchfemmelezziedykefag," DeLaria returns to SF with her new one-woman show at Josie's Cabaret. DeLaria mixes stand-up comedy with "Ms DeLaria's Dating Tips for Dykes," colorful ranting about sex, obsession & Clarence Thomas, and her powerful jazz & blues singing. Show runs Wed-Sun thru 2/9 at 8 pm, with added 10 pm shows on 1/31 & 2/7. Tix $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Poetry at Cody's with Robert Sward & Jack Foley. 8 pm, $2. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Alicia Perea performs "Frida: A Dance Drama," a haunting portrait of the renowned surrealist painter Frida Kahlo. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm, $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF.

The Mo'Fessionals at DNA Lounge: 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

At Brave New World: Big fun with *Naked Ape*. 9 pm. 1751 Fulton St near Masonic, SF.

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"Spike & Spite: Black Women at the Periphery of Film," a talk by journalist Julianne Malveaux on the kinds of messages being generated by filmmaker Spike Lee, whose films often portray Black women in demeaning & stereotypical ways. Noon-1 pm, free. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Toland Hall, UCSF. Info: 476-0400.

Men Re-Defining Work: Workshop offered by Gallagher Career Development Center, JFK University. Men have few guidelines to help them sort thru the opportunities & anxieties they experience in the workplace. This workshop explores what work means to men, & examines the pressures they experience as they move through their careers. Also provides practical tools to clarify personal & professional values. 6-8 pm Thursdays thru 2/13. 1250 Arroyo Way, Walnut Creek. $50. Info/reg: (510) 295-0610.

Pizza Night with Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group. Meet 6:30 pm at Ramona's, 541 Ramona St (btwn University & Hamilton), Palo Alto, for a night of delicious pizza & fun! All women are welcome. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

Spaghetti Feed with Western Star Dancers. Square dancing club cooks up & serves a delicious meal tonight at the Elephant Walk Bar, in a benefit for the AIDS Health Project & the Center for Positive Care. $6.50 adv, $7 at door. Castro at 18th St, SF. Info: Josh 431-9049.

"Can Cancer Be Predicted?" a talk by Patricia Kelly, PhD, director of medical genetics & cancer risk counseling. Ms Kelly presents current research on the influence of dietary customs & ethnicity on the rate & type of cancer occurrence, plus addresses social & political issues surrounding the kinds of research being done on cancer. 7 pm, donation accepted. Women's Cancer Research Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley (close to Ashby BART Station). Please refrain from wearing scents. Info: (510) 548-WCRC.

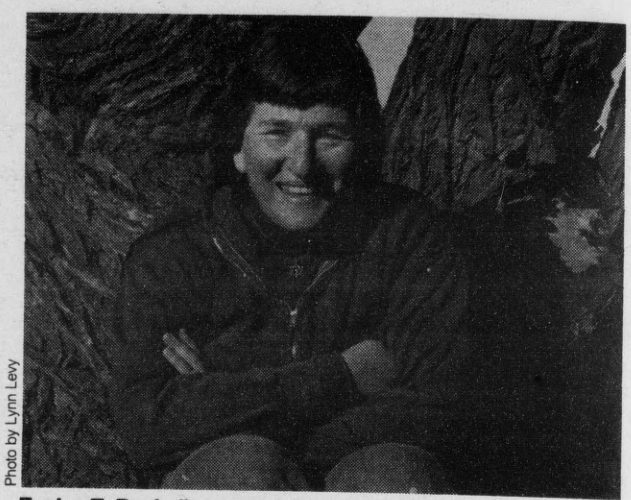


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Evelyn T. Beck discusses her ground-breaking "Nice Jewish Girls: A Lesbian Anthology" at Old Wives Tales, Jan. 16.

"CJ Jung: Transformative Power of Symbols," the 2nd lecture in the "Modern Spiritual Masters" series with Robert McDermott. Covers Jung's reflections on memories & dreams; Freud, Jung & the unconscious; psychology, religion & individuation; symbols of transformation—East & West; "The Gnostic Jung." 7-9 pm. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Frameline's "Out on Thursday" series of monthly screenings begins tonight with a screening of works which have been subject to censorship, including *Eye to Eye*, a film interview with Jack Walls, longtime lover of Robert Mapplethorpe & model for some of his most controversial photos; and two tapes banned by the PBS network, Robert Hilferty's *Stop the Church* and Charles Atlas' *Son of Sam & Delilah*. 7:30 pm, $5. At Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St, SF. Info: Frameline 861-5245. "Out on Thursday" screenings are held on the last Thursday of each month.

She Who Was Lost is Remembered: *Healing from Incest Through Creativity*—contributors Laurie York & Cheryl Marie Wade, plus a surprise guest, discuss their contributions to this collection of prose, poetry, visual images & song by over 30 women writers & artists. 8 pm at Old Wives Tales Bookstore. $3-10. Proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St at 21st. Info: 821-4675.

Lea DeLaria in "butchfemmelezziedykefag" at Josie's—see 1/29 listing.

Steve Parr's "Erotica" at DNA Lounge, 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

Lavender Lounge TV Dance Party for Gay Boys & Girls airs 10 pm tonight on cable channel 25. For program details call the hotline: 337-4921.

GALLERIES

Cartoon Art Museum: "Broad Humor: Women Cartoonists of the Past, Present & Future," exhibit of original art by women cartoonists. Thru 5/16. Related special events: 1/18, 1-4 pm: Booksigning with Diane Noomin & contributors to *Twisted Sisters: A Collection of Bad Girl Art*. 2/1, 1-4 pm: Slidshow with comic artist Trina Robbins. 3/19: Roundtable panel discussions of women in the arts & political correctness in cartoon art. Also "Black Ink," an exhibit of original art by African American cartoonists, 2/5-5/16. Related special events: 2/27: "40 Acres & A Pen," a discussion with artists Morrie Turner, Michael Davis, Shep Hendrix, Denys Cowan & Charles Bell. 4/9: "Ethnic Images: How True Are They?" a discussion with Steven Bentley, Demetrius Diamond, Jonathan Smith & Greg Harris. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat. Info: 546-9481.

New Langton Arts: "Butter Wouldn't Melt in My Mouth," a photo/text installation by Nancy Barton & Mike Glass. Exhibit runs thru 1/25. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Circle Gallery: Exhibit of new lithographs by Sandro Chia & Rene Gruau. Thru 2/15. 140 Maiden lane, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun 12:30-5 pm. Info: 989-2100.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Many Mansions," an exhibit of works by over 20 artists that transforms the premise of the dwelling, presenting the viewer with a fresh view of structures as artistic statements. Exhibit runs thru 2/22. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

Richmond Art Ctr: "Acknowledging Our Host: Communal Sources," works by Dennis Olanzo Callwood, Dewey Crumpler, George Longfish, Ulysses Jenkins, Jean LaMarr & Frank Tuttle, thru 2/9. Hrs: 9:30 am-4:30 pm Tues-Fri, noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Wheelchair accessible. Civic Ctr Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

NIAD Gallery: National Institute of Art & Disabilities Gallery. Exhibit of ceramic art work, 1/25-3/6. Artists include Bobbie Altman, Willie Harris, James Heartsill, Sana Krusoe, Nancy Legge, Dan McIntyre, James Morris, Rosita Pardo, Sonya Popow, Leah Ritchie, Don Santos, Helen Stewart, Robert Turner, Stan Welsh & Jerry Williams. Reception 1/24, 5:30-7:30 pm. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

John Pence Gallery: "Landscapes & Seascapes: Past & Present," exhibit of works by Donald Davis, Peter Holbrook, Donald Jurney, Randall Lake, Michael Lynch, Dorothy Morgan & Evan Wilson, along with noted American painters from the past, to illustrate the continuation of a strong academic tradition. 1/23-3/13. Reception 2/2, 2-5 pm. 750 Post St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm. Info: 441-1138.

Vision Gallery: Vintage & contemporary landscape photographs by Ansel Adams, Robert Bourdeau, Christopher Burkett, Richard Lohmann and others. 1/16-2/29. Reception 1/16, 6-8 pm. 1155 Mission St btwn 7th & 8th, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Vorpal Gallery: "New Views," exhibit of works by Michael Bartlett, Richard Biernacki, Jamey Brzezinski, Dewitt Cheng, Dana Chodzko, Paul Douglas, Kalani Engles, Tom Foolery, Urs Gut, Fred Hayes, Bonita Helmer & others. 1/16-2/29. Reception 1/16, 6-8 pm. Also exhibit of works by Czech photographer Jirka Stach, thru 2/29. 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.

Pro Arts Gallery: Paintings by Anita Lappi, mixed media works by Katrien Maenhaut & an installation by Ed Osborn; on exhibit thru 2/15. Reception 1/16, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Wed-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 461 9th St (off Broadway), Oakland. Info: (510) 763-4361. WA (Wheelchair Accessible).

The Lab Gallery: "Moral Tales," an installation by visual artist Rene Yung. An exploration of the codification of incidental & personal hybrid myths into rigid societal mores. Exhibit proposes that cultural identity is stronger & more pervasive than political ideology. Runs thru 2/8. Artist's talk on 1/18 at 3 pm; refreshments served following the talk, in honor of Chinese New Year. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: "The Artwork of Robert Herhusky: Works of Cast Glass, Wood & Metal," on exhibit 1/21-2/22, reception 1/24, 6-9 pm. Hrs: Tues-Thurs 11 am-5 pm; Fri-Sat 11 am-6 pm. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-0950.

At Eye Gallery: 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm.

Erika Meyerovich Gallery: 231 Grant Ave, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-6 pm, Sat 10 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-9997.

Wilcox Gallery: Paintings by David Simpson, drawings by Gabrielle Bakker, on exhibit thru 2/15. 228 Grant Ave, SF.

Asian Erotic Exhibit of antique Chinese, Japanese, Indian & contemporary Hawaiian erotic art from the collection of Terry Guthrie, thru 3/7 at Good Vibrations. 1210 Valencia St, SF. Hrs: noon-6 pm daily, Thurs till 8 pm. Info: 550-7399.

Abstract Renderings by Lynette Parker. Thru 1/31. Cafe?, 2885 Diamond St, SF.

Art of the Grateful Dead: Exhibit of paintings, prints, photos, posters, jewelry & sculpture; thru 2/28. Artrock Gallery, 1153 Misson St, SF. Info: 255-7390.

Joan Landsberg: Paintings on exhibit at KBBK Studios. Thru 2/8. 465 Broderick at Hayes, SF. Hrs: Thurs 3-6 pm, Fri & Sat 2-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 563-9046.

"Love & Death," exhibit of works by several artists exploring themes of old age and ageism, sexism, & sexuality. Thru 2/8. Ghia Gallery, 2648 3rd St, SF. Info: 282-2832.

New Paintings by SF artist Bruce Lauritzen on exhibit thru 2/21 in the Faculty Club Galleries at Stanford University. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-6 pm; Sat & Sun 1-6 pm. Info: 321-3149 or 512-0709.

"Visions of Cuba," exhibit of photos by Armand Walker at the Welcome Mat Restaurant. Artist's reception 1/16, 6-9 pm. 807 Valencia St at 19th, SF. Info: 647-3663.

"Even the Stones Cry Out," exhibit of mixed media sculptures & paintings by Nancy Chinn, reflecting on the stories of ten Biblical women abused by the patriarchy. On exhibit at Grace Cathedral, SF (surrounding the baptismal fount) thru 1/26. Open daily, 8 am-6 pm. Info: (510) 253-4379.

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ON STAGE

Wild Blue by Joe Pintauro. A collection of short plays on gay themes. Theatre Rhinoceros production. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm on 1/19 & 26 and 2/2. Special Sat eve performances at 5 pm on 1/18 & 25, 2/1 & 8. Tix $11-$20; $10-$11 previews. Info/res: 861-5070. Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF.

Angels & Steers, written & performed by Chris Pray. Chris Pray joins with a homeless Republican, an ineffectual liberal and a homeless ex-convict to overcome his guilt and social apathy. They embark on a surrealistic adventure as they start the first Muslim Church of Jesus Cheeseburger—the religion the oil companies could not dismiss—and plot to take back the world. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 1/19. Tix $6-9 Thurs; $10 Fri & Sat; $8 Sun. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St nr 20th, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

My Visits with MGM (My Grandmother Marta) by Edit Villarreal. Touching drama, memory play about the bond between a rebellious grandmother who fled Mexico to the US in 1910, and her free-thinking granddaughter, who is trying to find her place between two cultures. San Jose Repertory Theatre production. Runs Tues-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 5 & 9 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, thru 2/8. Matinees on 2/5 & 6 at noon. Montgomery Theater, corner of Market & West San Carlos, San Jose. Info: (408) 291-2255.

Man of La Mancha by Dale Wasserman. Raul Julia and Sheena Easton star in this 25th anniversary production of the Broadway musical hit. Runs Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Wed matinees at 2 pm, thru 2/2. Orpheum Theatre, 1192 Market St at Hyde, SF. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS.

Grand Hotel, the Tony Award-winning hit musical directed & choreographed by Tommy Tune. Set in 1928 Berlin, this re-creation of the bestselling novel is about power & poverty, ballrooms & boardrooms, scandal & romance, suspense & survival. Previews 1/21 at 8 pm & 1/22 at 2 pm; runs Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, with Wed matinees at 2 pm, thru 2/16. Golden Gate Theatre, 1 Taylor St at Golden Gate & Market, SF. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS.

McTeague: A Tale of San Francisco adapted by Neal Bell from the Frank Norris novel chronicling turn-of-the-century life in the Bay Area. A tale of obsession & corruption, capturing the brutal vitality of the West still reeling from the excesses of the California Gold Rush. Berkeley Rep Theatre production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm thru 2/27. Sat matinees at 2 pm on 1/18, 2/1 & 15; Sun matinees at 2 pm on 1/23, 2/6 & 20. Tix $18 previews; $29 open-

ing; $23 Tues-Thurs & Sun; $29 Fri & Sat; $21 matinees. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison St at Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.

Fat Men in Skirts by RA White. Play follows the trials of Phyllis, the wife of a Hollywood producer who specializes in futuristic tales involving loveable aliens, and her young son Bishop, plane-wrecked alone on a desert island with nothing to eat but the other passengers. Magic Theatre Northside production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm thru 1/26 at Magic Theatre-Northside, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, SF. Tix $12-$21. Info/res: 441-8822.

Mother Wove the Morning one-woman show by author/performer Lynn Pearson. Lynn portrays 16 historical women in search of the Mother Goddess, lost across time as men have appropriated & transformed the Diety into a male figure. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm thru 1/25 at New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix $19. Info/res: 861-8972.

Taking Steps by Alan Ayckbourn. Rollicking marathon of mistaken identities, musical beds & unwitting intimacies. ACT production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm; 2 pm matinee on Wed & Sat, 3 pm matinee on Sun; thru 1/25. Tix: $10-$26 wknights; $11-$33 wkends. Stage Door Theater, 420 Mason St at Geary, SF. Info/res: 762-BASS.

Love & Anger by George F Walker. This comic attack on power & its abuses pits the "reborn" attorney Petie Maxwell against the powerful publisher of a "fascist rag." Actors Theatre production. Previews 1/16 at 8 pm, $6. Opening night gala 1/17 at 8 pm, $30; play runs Thurs-Sun thru 3/8 at 8 pm, $12. 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.

Nightdreams by Steve Merritt. A high-tech rock musical extravaganza. Musical follows a young man thru a sleepless night as he examines his life's choices & relationships. Rockafellas, Inc production. Runs Tues-Fri at 8 pm, 6 & 9:30 pm Sat, 2:30 & 7 pm Sun, thru 1/26. Tix $15-34. Marines Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 771-6900.

The Three Faces of Josh, three comic monologues by Josh Kornbluth, in repertory at Life on the Water Theater. "Haiku Tunnel" on Thurs & Fri at 8 pm; "The Moisture Seekers" on Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm; "Josh Kornbluth's Daily World," Sun at 2 pm; thru 2/2. Ft Mason Bldg B, SF. Tix $12-17. Info/res: 776-8999.

The Gospel According to Wayne/Waves of Gravity & Time, solo performance by Wayne Corbitt. A contemporary sermon performed in the African American pentecostal tradition served from the left, and infused with Corbitt's engaging personal history, integrity, humor & revelations. Play runs 1/18 & 25 at 10:30 pm at The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Tix $6. Info/res: 641-0235.

Sleep Tight, an evening of magic, video & deranged comedy devised & performed by Laughing Moon Theatre. Thurs-Sun, 1/16-2/9 at Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Tix $10-12. Info/res: 626-9196.

The Assassination & Discrediting of John Fitzgerald Kennedy as Performed by Members of the Millionaires Club at the Bohemian Grove under the direction of Joseph Campbell, a deconstructionist adaptation of Peter Weiss' classic & controversial play "Marat/Sade." Presented by Elbows Akimbo Co. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, thru 2/1. Tix $8 Wed, $12 Thurs & Sun $14 Fri & Sat. Eureka Theatre, 2730 16th St at Harrison, SF. Info/res: 558-9898.

Recesses by Julie Regan. Darkly metaphorical piece about four young schoolgirls whose lives vacillate between their imaginations & their real world, confined to a suburban playground built on landfill. A series of ritualistic games lead to the symbolic sacrifice of one child's vi-



"Recesses," a new play by Julie Regan at Intersection. See OnStage for info.

sion. Intersection production. Previews Runs Thurs-Sun thru 1/19 at 8 pm. Tix $10. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-3311.

Invisible Site: A Virtual Sho, a music-theater work presented by George Coates Performance Work. The cast guides the audience on the journey of a young couple who connect their spinal cords to a digitized data bank in a futuristic virtual reality game. The game goes astray as they become archetypal exiles from Greek & Elizabethan tragedy & the world stage. Previews Fri-Sun at 8 pm thru 1/19; opens 1/22, runs Fri-Sun at 8 pm. Preview tix $10-25. Performance Works, 110 McAllister St, SF. Info/res: 863-4130.

Lorraine Hansberry Theatre's annual "Lift Every Voice" series features two new performance pieces: renowned poet/author Ntozake Shange's **The Love Space Demands** and Robert Alexander's **Henry O Tanner: Portrait of an African American Artist** featuring actor Bennet Guillory as Tanner. Shange's piece runs Wed-Sat, 1/29-2/2 at 8 pm, with matinee performances on Sat & Sun at 2 pm at Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, SF. Alexander's piece runs 2/13-15 At Florence Gould Theatre, Calif Palace of the Legion of Honor, SF at 8 pm, Thurs-Sat, with matinee performances at 3:30 pm on 2/15-16 at the Trustees Auditorium, deYoung Museum, SF. For tix prices & other info call 474-8800 for "The Love Space Demands," and 750-7667 for "Henry O Tanner."

Frederick Douglass Now a multimedia play created & performed by Roger Guenveur Smith. An hour-long interpretation of the writings of Frederick Douglass presented with an array of modern effects—video, slides, hip-hop reggae soundtrack—to shed fresh light on the life & times of this greatly neglected 19th century American hero. Oakland Ensemble Theatre production, presented in honor of Martin Luther King Jr's birthday, and Black History Month. Opens 1/23 at 8 pm, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sat matinees at 3 pm, Sun eves at 7:30 pm; thru 2/2. Tix $18 Fri & Sat nights; $16 Thurs & Sun nights & Sat matinees. $23 opening night tix includes post-performance reception. James Moore Theatre, Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak St (entrance on 10th), Oakl (Lake Merritt BART Station exit). Info: OET Box Office (510) 763-7774 or 1-800-794-7707.

What's Wrong With This Picture?, written & performed by Grace Walcott. A hilariously comic mystery tale of the struggle between a mother & her daughter for separate identities. Runs Thurs-Sun 1/23-3/1. Tix $6-9 SL fee on Thurs, $10 Fri & Sat, $8 Sun. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

The Zoo Story by Edward Albee. Harrowing portrait of a young person alienated from the human race. A dissection of the results of loneliness on the individual in modern society. Theatre Pomegranate production. Opens Thurs 1/30 at 8 pm; runs Fri-Sat at 8, through 2/29. Tix $4-8 SL. Theatre Pomegranate, 495 Clementina St btwn 5th & 6th, SF. Info/res: 512-7965.

Poet Under Saturn: An Evening with Paul Verlaine, written & starring Phil Lumsden. EXITheatre production. Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, 1/16-26. Tix $10. EXITheatre, 366 Eddy St btwn Leavenworth & Jones, SF. Info/res: 673-3847.

The Suicide by Nikolai Erdman, translated by Peter Tegel. Classic Russian comedy takes place in the late 1920s, after the glow of the Revolution has dimmed. SF Playhouse Theatre Co production. Runs Wed-Sat 1/22-2/29 at 8 pm. Tix $10 Wed & Thurs two for one; $12 Fri & Sat. The On-Broadway, 435 Broadway nr Kearny, SF. Info/res: 393-2329, 398-1541.

The Barbecue by James J O'Grady, script developed thru improv by actors Fred Bald, Edith Bryson, Richard Lindstrom, Margie Pratchenko, John Ryan & Joann Sloane. Play about gender conflicts that arise at a San Carlos backyard neighborhood barbecue. Off-Garde Theatre Group production. Opens 1/30, runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm thru 2/22. Tix $8 Thurs, $10 Fri & Sat. Opening night gala weenie roast, $15. Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa St btwn Bryant & Potrero, SF. Info/res: 771-7188.

Cyrano De Bergerac by Edmond Rostand, translated by Brian Hooker, adapted by Dennis Powers. Actor Peter Donat reprises his role as the poetic soldier with an out-sized nose in this ACT production of Rostand's tour de force of dramatic poetry. Previews 1/21-25, opens 1/25, runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Wed & Sat matinee at 2 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm; thru 3/14. Tix $10-22 preview, $10-26 weeknights, $11-33 weekends. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St btwn Mason & Powell, SF. Info/res: 762-BASS.

Greek by Steven Berkoff. Powerful & erotic modern-day Oedipus story, set in working-class England. Magic Theatre production. Previews 1/22-25, opens 1/28, runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm thru 2/22. Magic Theatre-Southside, Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg D, SF. Tix $12 stdnts & srs, $14 previews, $17-21 gen'l. Info/res: 441-8822.

Tsunami—The Next Wave in Asian American Performance Art, a series of performances produced by Asian American Theater Co's Exponential Arts Program. Wed-Sun thru 2/16 at Asian American Theater Center, Arguello Blvd at Clement, SF. 8 pm Wed-Sat, 3 pm Sun. Performance Schedule: 1/16-19, 22-26—Winston Tong's **First Generation Stigmas** uses text, music, puppetry & video to chronicle growing up in America as the first-born son of immigrant parents. 1/16-2/2—Sachiko Nakamura's **Layers** is a 60 min installation piece that explores the possibilities inherent in paper, sound, onstage sculpture & costumes; **The Fat Lady Sings** explores the devastating effects of eating disorders thru Flamenco dance, Taiko rhythms, songs, & dialogue. 1/29-2/2—Canyon Sam's **Taxi Karma** chronicles a madcap taxi ride thru town while introducing the audience to Tibetan aristocrats, Hindi movie stars, child beggars & Buddhist monks. In **The Dissident**, Sam, while searching for ancestral wisdom in China, is drawn to the Himalayan plateaus where she meets a Buddhist nun with haunting accounts of post-Tianamen Tibet. Don't miss this return engagement of Sam's show which sold out the first time around. 2/5-9—"Charlie" Chin's **Sex, Love & Marriage** uses humorous monologues & songs in search thru the mysteries of great sex, true love & a happy marriage. 2/12-16—Dan Kwong's **Tales of the Fractured Tao** uses slides, silhouette screen & recorded voices & music to report on the condition of the family in Asian American life.

Chess, a story of love & intrigue set against the tense atmosphere of a world chess tournament. San Jose Civic Light Opera production. Runs 1/18-2/1. For tix prices, res & other info call (408) 998-BASS, (510) 762-BASS, or (408) 971-1212.

Raining Down Stairs: More Stories of the Diaspora by Cultural Odyssey Theatre Co. At Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. For showtimes, tix & other info call 621-7797.

Totoy's Travels, a one-act play dealing with HIV, identity & sexuality, runs 1/17-19 at Theatre Rhinoceros at 8:30 pm. Produced by the Asian AIDS Project's Love Like This Theater. Play chronicles the experiences of a Filipino immigrant who comes to America & explores his identity & sexuality in the face of AIDS. For tix & other info call Theatre Rhino at 542-4100 or the Asian AIDS Project at 227-0946.

RESOURCE GUIDE

AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7:30 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by & for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs, 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (501) 644-8571 or (501) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

Benefits Orientation for Persons with AIDS & ARC: SF AIDS Foundation holds 2 wkly orientations for persons with AIDS & ARC on how to access governmental financial assistance programs, & what social services are available in SF. Info: 864-5855, 9am-6 pm, Mon-Fri.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Center for Positive Care (HIV Early Intervention Resource Ctr) offers multicultural & multilingual outreach, intake assessment, case management, education & psychosocial support services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive people and people with AIDS. 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 476-3644.

California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services

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UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women who are currently caring for a friend, partner, or family member with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. 7 pm at 1855 Folsom St at 15th,, SF. Room 521. For mtg days & other info contact Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 821-8764.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services of Black & White Men Together/Men of All Colors Together (BAHSES-BWMT/MACT) deals with issues & problems surrounding AIDS & its impact on the people of color communities. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Support Network: emotional support for persons with AIDS or ARC & their loved ones, outreach & education. Info: 457-AIDS.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Thurs 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV+ Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for peroople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Multiple Loss Support Group spons by Kairos House. 6-wk group meets Mon, 7:30-9 pm. For gay men who have experienced multiple losses during the epidemic. Facilitated by Paul Shearer, LCSW. Info/reg: 861-0877.

Day Group for Caregivers spons by Kairos House: Wed, noon-1:30 pm. 8-wk group for professional & non-professional caregivers. Facilitated by Steve Galper, ACSW. Info/res: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

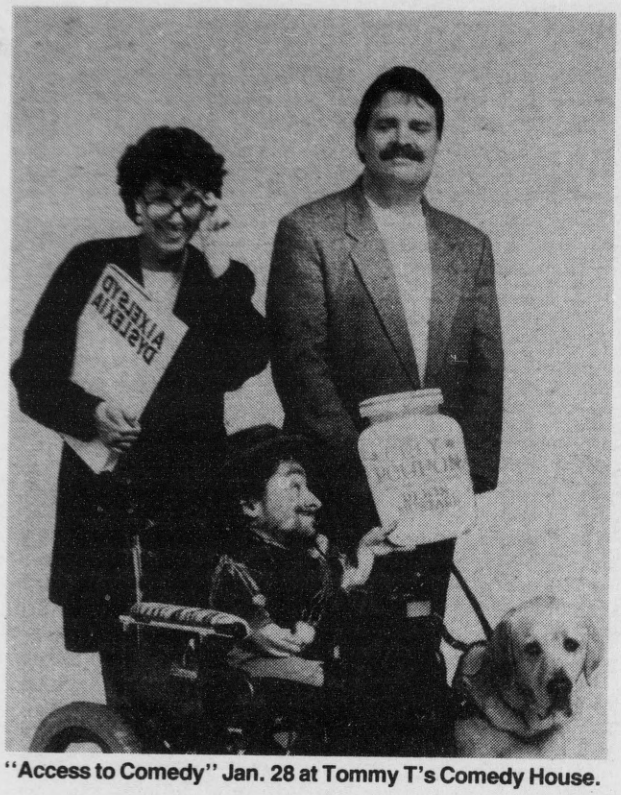
SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV+ Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for



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PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

HIV Positive Veterans: support group for vets in any stage of HIV infection. Monday eves, free. Vet's Ctr, nr 19th St BART, Oakland. Info: Mike Rankin (510) 273-7331.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

The Healing Circle: safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Large group of about 100 meets Thurs eves, 8-10 pm at 60 Brady St, (one block up from Market/Gough), SF. Use sharing, singing, meditation, visualization, hugging & laughter to create a powerful experience of love & support. Info: Bill 864-6638.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

HIV Negative Support Groups: testing negative is great, but can present problems of its own. Some become so fearful that they give up all sex; others are others are overwhelmed by the pain of watching their friends & lovers die. Get support to deal with "survivor guilt" and others issues surrounding testing negative. Reply with name, address & phone number to Groups, c/o Pierre, PO Box 0884, SF CA 94143-0884. All replies are confidential.

Soul Ventures: a social/networking service supporting the Bay Area HIV/PWA community. Includes dating service & social events. For free brochure & other info call 543-2520.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex (whether you're a beginner or have lots of experience), coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns: Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B. Foster, MA. 5 pm, Saturdays. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St #201, SF. Info: 565-7667.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

AIDS-Vision Loss Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Bi-weekly mtgs, 1-2:30 pm at Rose Resnick Ctr for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush St at Larkin, SF. Transportation available, call 441-1980 for details.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Free Tax Assistance to Persons with AIDS & ARC, offered by SF AIDS Foundation. Trained volunteers from TAX AID program help you with your 1989 federal & state tax returns. To qualify an individual must have earned $16,000 or less, with no more than $2,000 for each family member. For info call 864-5855 and ask for the on-duty social worker.

Tai Chi Workout: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV+ people. Info: 255-0265.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.
Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244
Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.
Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.
Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.
Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.
Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.
AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.
Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.
STOP at SF General Hospital: The Stimulant Treatment Outpatient Program offers help for people with cocaine dependencies. Nonjudgemental treatment includes five-days-a-week group counseling. 12-week commitment required. Program includes the optional use of medication as part of a research project exploring the use of medication to reduce cocaine cravings & use. Call 821-8616 for info. First-time & longterm users are both eligible.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.
Self-Help Food Group for Women: More depth than Weight Watchers, more commitment than OA. Support to work your way on your food issues. Not a diet group, not an anti-diet group. Info: 826-9423.
Men's Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Wednesday. For info on OA meetings for gay/lesbians & others call OA Hotline: 776-1457.
Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Fundamentalists Anonymous support group: explore the experience of having once been a fundamentalist Christian with others who've been there, too. Call 832-2334.
Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.
Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.
Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.
Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: Ongoing self-help group meets weekly in SF & Eastbay. 16-wk commitment required. Info: Jay (510) 547-8439.
Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous 12-Step meeting meets every Mon at 6:30 pm, Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 1st door on left.
Fem-Centered Lesbians in Recovery meets monthly for support and fun. Call 863-8651 for location & other info.
For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Caifornia collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.
Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.
Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Lesbian Fiction Contest: 2nd Annual Spinsters Book Company contest. $1000 prize. Quality, well-crafted fiction focusing on the lives of lesbians sought. Submissions must be postmarked no later than 2/28. For contest rules write to: Spinsters Book Co, PO Box 410687, SF CA 94141. No phone calls.
Still Indivisible: The editors of *Indivisible: New Short Fiction by West Coast Gay & Lesbian Writers* seek submissions for a second volume of this successful anthology. Literary short fiction of the highest quality that refelcts the diversity of the West Coast in terms of gender, culture, politics & longitude are sought. Work by African American, Latino/a, Asian American and Native American writers is especially encouraged. Stories need not be gay or lesbian-themed, but should be excellently-written, and not published previously or under consideration elsewhere. Send 2 copies of no more than 3 stories, typed, double-spaced on 8½ × 11 white paper. Include a brief bio, and send SASE for a response. Send to: Terry Wolverton, 3359 Garden Ave, LA 90039. Deadline: 2/1.
Pro Arts 10th Anniversary East Bay Open Studios (to be held 5/9-10, 16-17) seeks artists interested in prsenting their work at this annual event to be held in May this year, instead of the customary June. Entry fee $15. For addt'l requirements & other info call Denise Maunder, Open Studios Coordinator 331-7819 or leave a mesasge at Pro Arts (510) 763-4361. Deadline: 2/3.
Frameline is accepting entries for the 16th SF Int'l Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, to be held 6/19-28. Accepted formats: 35mm, 16mm, super-8, ¼" & ½" (NTSC). No entry fee, but return postage must accompany all entries. Work by women & people of color is especially encouraged. All genres & forms encouraged. For more info/entry forms contact Frameline, PO Box 14792, SF CA 94114; 861-5245. Deadline: 3/1.
Sex Cabaret: David Steinberg & Mark I. Chester, artists interested in sexual art, seek submissions & proposals of art that hits the crossroads of sex, art and theater for an evening series of pansexual multi-disciplinary art including readings, prose, poetry, theater, performance art and sex-related slideshows of artwork. Info: Mark 621-6294 or write POB 422501, SF 94142.
Theatre Rhinoceros is accepting submissions for a new theatre piece exploring gay & lesbian weddings. The focus of the piece is on the diverse ways gays choose to commemorate their unions, as opposed to their straight counterparts. Short scenes, monologues & songs exploring the subject from different angles are sought. The project is directed by Paul Sagan and will be workshopped in the Studio Theatre in spring of 1992. Send submissions to: Theatre Rhinoceros, The Wedding Project, 2926 16th St, SF CA 94103. For more info contact Doug Holsclaw 552-4100.
Bonehead & Betty: A Lesbian Outlaw Anthology: Tribas Publishing Group seeks submissions of short stories, poetry, articles and visual art depicting butch/femme/rude girl/tomboy and general gender fuck lifestyles. Send inquiries & submissions to Tribas, c/o Ruby Fowler, 408 Haight St, SF CA 94117 or call 621-4366.

► FUN & GAMES

Victorian & Edwardian Pacific Heights Walk. Guided walking tour of the eastern Pacific Heights neighborhood. See surviving Victorian & pre-WWI era mansions, elaborate family homes, smaller row houses. 2-hr tour, routes change frequently. Guides stress various aspects of neighborhood. Sun, 12:30 pm. $3 gen'l, $1 srs & kids under 12. Spons by Heritage, the Foundation for SF's Architectural Heritage. Info: 441-3000.
Haas-Lilienthal House Tours: noon-3:15 pm Wed, 11 am-4:15 pm Sun. Docent-led tours. The House has stood on Franklin Street since 1886. $4 gen'l, $2 srs & kids 12 & under. Info: 441-3004.
UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Closed Christmas Day. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.
Lesbian Games Group: monthly-ish chem-free games group meets for Pictionary, Perquacky, Outburst, Boggle & more. Info/location: 526-2924.

► HEALTH

PAP Tests at City Clinic: also diagnosis, treatment & counseling, for vaginitis conditions, enteric diseases. Screening & referral for AIDS. Bilingual (Spanish) staff available. Confidential, low cost services. 356 7th St, SF. Info: 864-8100.
Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: low-cost, nonprofit clinic. Offers special services for people with HIV, fertility program for women & men who are trying to conceive. Also offers Chinese & American herbal preparations. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm. Info: 861-4964.
American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.
Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.
Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.
Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.
Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 6-8 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 & over, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).
Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).
Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.
Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.
Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organiza-

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Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.
Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 3rd Sun of the month. Models provided. $5-8 SL fee. Info/location: 252-8514.
Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.
Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.
Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9487.
Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.
Beam-In: The Bay Area Gay Trekkies & Science Fiction Group meets on the 4th Fri of each month at 8 pm for potluck & discussions. All Federation members (male/female) are welcome. Leave name/number at 773-9389 or write Beam-In, 151 Castro St #151, SF 94114-2588 for location & other details.
Genealogy Discussion Group meets monthly for exchange of ideas, information & research leads. Group interests vary from the Azores to Mayflower lineage. All are welcome, from beginners to professionals. Mtgs on the 3rd Sat of each month at 1 pm. For info/location: Larry Burnett 647-0637.
Sheep's Clothing: Informal group of women knitters meet fortnightly in SF to discuss everything from wool to world events over knitting, in the best Ladies' Sewing Circle and Feminist Society tradition. Info: Gretchen 647-2017.
Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun sim. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.
Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club, the Bay Area chapter of a nationwide group of Gay Hams, meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Hams & those interested in learning more about the hobby are welcome! For more info call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

Looking for a Job? The Public Interest Employment Service publishes a twice monthly Public Interest Employment Report which lists paid jobs available in progressive nonprofit organizations. The Employment Service is coordinated by a lesbian, and includes info about jobs at a number of lesbian/gay/bisexual/AIDS/HIV-focused organizations. For more info on the Employment Service or to subscribe to the Report, call 565-4695. Services are free to employers.
Disabled Job Seekers Services at Rose Resnick Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired. Employment counseling (focused on interview & self-marketing skills, resume & application writing) and job search support group offered. For details call Linda Greenberg 441-1980.
SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.
SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. Call 346-0475. For listings ($2 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.
Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.
Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.
The Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Call (510) 841-6224.
SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.
AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.
Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.
SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.
Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: Larry Brinkin 252-2500.
Emergency Food Box Program provides 3-day supply of nutritionally balanced food to those in emergency situations. Info: 621-7575.
Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, proper procedures, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.
SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.
Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.
ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.
Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.
Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.
Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available for events, conferences, wkshops, etc. Info: 564-2226.
SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors. SFWAR also does advocacy & educational work & holds house meetings where groups of women discuss concerns & fears, & ways to prevent rape. For info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.
Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.
California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.
Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.
The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 333 Valencia St, Ste 222, SF. Info: 864-2364.
Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.
Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:30-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.
Lesbian Partners of Sexual Abuse Survivors: 12-Step Group. Thurs 7:30-8:45 pm at Bethany Methodist Church, Clipper & Sanchez St, SF.
Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.
Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.
Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.
Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have been in a battering relationship, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Info: Rene 863-3315 or Christina 346-0267.
Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.
San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a support group for lesbians who have been emotionally, sexually and/or physically abused by their partners. Free. Call 593-8622 for info.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.
Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.
For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Gay/Lesbian Parenting Group, a support group for lesbians and gay men who have children, or who wish to become parents. Newsletter, potluck socials, outings, discussion groups. Info: Malke (510) 562-1574, or write LGPG, PO Box 410221, SF CA 94141.
Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.
Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.
Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.
Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.
Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
Childbirth Education for lesbian families. Small group or individual classes available. Info: Suellen Sleamaker, RN, MHS, Lyon-Martin Parenting Project childbirth educator. Info: 826-4489.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

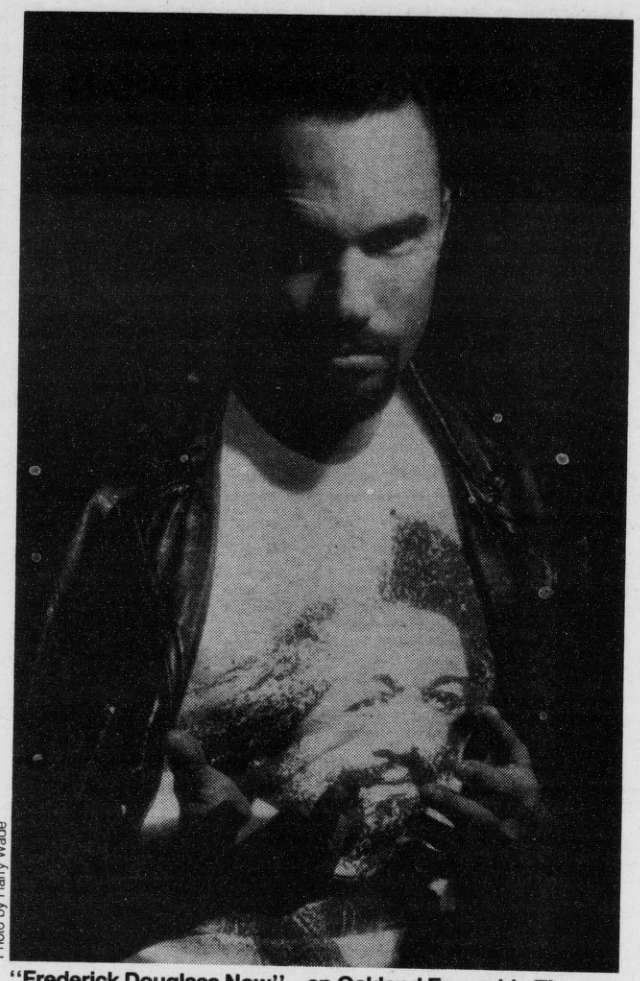


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"Frederick Douglass Now"—an Oakland Ensemble Theatre presentation opens Jan. 23. See OnStage for details.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.
United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.
Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A grassroots social & community action organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-6 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.
Mujero, Bay Area Latina Lesbian Organization, holds gen'l mtgs the 3rd Sat of each month. All Latina lesbians are welcome. Info/location: 648-1291.
GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.
Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.
Chinese Gay Group meets for monthly potluck and/or varied activities. Also social group for singles. Info: 776-1892 or 397-9863.
Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Nancy 864-8812 for more information.
Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.
Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.
Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.
ALBWN & ALGBN: Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network and Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network. Offers support for women & men of Arab descent and Middle Eastern ancestry. Activities include monthly potluck dinners, discussion of topics of relevance to the lesbian, gay & bisexual Arab community. Three separate mtgs: a women's mtg (Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network), a men's mtg, and a mixed mtg where both men & women gather. For information write ALGBN or ALBWN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch group meets every 4th Sunday 10am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. For details call (510) 482-0787 or (510) 339-1314.
Language Practice/Social Group (Dutch, French, Italian) for people of color who were born/raised in Europe, traveled there, or simply enjoy foreign languages. All fluency levels & other languages are welcome. Open to open-minded gays, bisexuals & transgenderists. Info: 431-3860.

► PERFORMANCE ARTS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.
Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.
Community Women's Orchestra: amateur orchestra for women, spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. Wkly Tues night rehearsals. Orchestra gives 3 concerts each season in Dec, March & June. No audition required, but all musicians must have prior experience playing in an orchestra or other ensemble. String players are always welcome, wind players may join if there's an opening in their section. Conducted by Ann Krinitsky. Info: (510) 428-1350.
Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble welcomes instrumentalists of every type & ability for fun & creative musical experiences. Join a musically versatile group dedicated to the growth of our members & the community we serve. Rehearsals in the Eastbay. Info: (510) 638-7399.
Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.
VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.
Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: Pat Parr 621-3088.
The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle:

Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.

Jazz Matriarchy: Networking organization for women jazz improvisers in the Bay Area. Call 647-9544 for more info.

STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Queer Guitar Players: Group of women & men of all styles & levels who get together for musical exchange & fun. Banjo players welcome. Info: Paul 826-0801.

► POLITICAL

LABIA (Lesbians & Biwomyn in Action) group for lesbian & biwomyn interested in raising consciousness & visibility of lesbian & bisexual issues within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action & education. Multicultural group. Info: 985-7141.

United Colors of Queer Nation: direct action group for queers of color. See People of Color listings for more info.

Outrage! San Francisco. Direct Action. Call 985-7141 for more information.

QueerNET SF: A queer activist networking & educational group committed to the empowerment, expansion & celebration of queer culture in all of its diversity. QueerNET conducts special events & activities to promote queer culture thru outreach, education, art, visibility & consciousness-raising. Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month. 1590 Market St at Franklin, SF 94102. Info: 252-5914.

Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call (510) 644-1753.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians & gay men, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call 861-4588, 861-4893 (fax) or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. Gen'l mtgs are usually held the 3rd Sun of each month, 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

UBIQUITOUS (Uppity Bi Queers United In Their Overtly Unconventional Sexuality): A group of bisexual queers dedicated to promoting bi visibility & understanding within the queer community, working together with lesbian & gay activists in the fight against heterosexism & building a bisexual community. Call Adam 861-7520 or Chrstine 861-0305 for mtg times/places.

Lesbian Agenda for Action: (LAFA) political & social action nonprofit membership organization committed to promoting lesbian visibility. Info: 552-5677.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.

Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group: A national political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals and gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

Int'l Wages for Housework Campaign, Int'l Black Women for Wages for Housework, Wages Due Lesbians, and the US PROStitutes Collective: To connect with these groups, write PO Box 14512, SF 94114 or call 558-9628.

White Lesbians Against Racism: Group provides a peer education forum to confront racial stereotypes & racism in ourselves & in the white community. Group creates space for developing a white racial identity; challenges racial stereotypes thru self-education; makes connections btwn racism, homophobia, classism, sexism & anti-semitism. Info: Yvette 584-5979.

Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bi-monthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

Jerry Brown for President Group in support of Brown's campaign "to take back the political process from private greed & corrupt politics." Call 202-1992 for more info.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: 861-8718.

Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers (G/LOV): Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 928-7318 for meeting times & other information.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

Men's Associated Exchange (MAX) is the largest & most active social group for gay men in the Bay Area, sponsoring over 150 events a year, ranging from community service to sports to educational programs. Info: MAX, 564 Mission St #127, SF 94105.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. Meets Wed eves, UC Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm 1st & 3rd Mon of each month, at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Susan (510) 524-0574.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz (510) 857-1044.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info call (510) 656-1383.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.

Lake Merritt Neighborhood Potluck for lesbians & gays living in the Lake Merritt, Oakland area. Monthly get-togethers, come meet your neighbors! Info: (510) 832-6510.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Eastbay Lesbian Couples Social Group: Meet new couples for potlucks, movies, games, walks, or other mutual interests. Info: (510) 486-0615 or (510) 655-8542.

Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.

Lesbian Lunch Brunch: A clean & sober, nonsmoking social club for single lesbians working in the financial district. Wkly luncheons to connect with other women in recovery. Info: 252-0657.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Latin American Lesbian Social Group meets monthly in Eastbay, see People of Color.

CASA (Community Alternative Social Assoc) for gay Latinos & friends, see People of Color.

Chinese lesbian group meets for outing, potlucks, etc, see People of Color.

Chinese gay group meets for potlucks & other varied activities, see People of Color.

Zebra Brigade Social Group for Black & white lesbian couples meets 3rd Sat of each month, alternating btwn SF & Eastbay locations. Call Anita or Lorrie 641-5980.

Soul Ventures social group for the Bay Area HIV+/PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.

Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.

Russian Group: Ruscophiles with a sincere desire to speak Russian meet for social Russian conversation & potluck on the 2nd Fri of each month, at 8 pm. Leave name & number at 773-9389 or write SF Ruscophiles, 151 Castro St #151, SF 94114-2588 for location & other details. All levels welcome.

Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

Party Posse: For artistic, intelligent-types who can have fun. If you can dance till dawn without drugs, alcohol, pot or tobacco and feel comfortable with various racial, gender & orientation backgrounds (gays, bisexuals, transsexuals) write Party Posse, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.

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► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-9355.

Jewish Lesbians & Bisexuals & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, SF & EB locations. Join us for song, food & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info: 647-7209.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: Gay male Buddhist organization meets on the 2nd & 4th Sun of every month for meditation & for understanding, discussion & support of the study & practice of all forms of Buddhism. Beginners as well as experienced Dharma practitioners are welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.

Feminist Women's Circle meets in SF monthly at the full & new moons to explore the many facets of the Goddess. Also networking & classes. Info: Lupa 751-8918.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Crossroads: Wkly women's ritual & drumming circle with pagan/political focus. Artwork, trance, journeys, singing, music, etc. Previous magical experience preferred. Wed eve mtgs at the Crossroads in Berkeley. Info: (510) (510) 763-5999.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.

Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship with us. Church has a coordinator for lesbian & gay concerns, and is active in peace and justice, environmental, community action and global concerns; and AIDS ministries. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

MCC Santa Rosa meets 11 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Jl Torres. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.

Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.

Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.

Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.

Agape Christian Fellowship: Group for lesbian & gay charismatics/pentecostals, promoting spiritual, mental, physical & spiritual wholeness. Meetings: Bible Study Thurs at 7:30 pm, Sunday services at 6:30 pm. Info/location: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or write PO Box 192446, SF 94119-2446.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

Women-in-Integrity: Women's focus Eucharist with potluck supper & socializing following service. Join us for fellowship, singing & a meal. Third Sun of each month at 5:30 pm, St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. Info: 553-5270.

The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.

Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 7 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.

GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.

Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.

Peace United Church: All gay, lesbian & straight people, singles & families, are welcome. Two lesbian ministers. Politically aware, justice-oriented, creative community, sensitive to each individual. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible. 5 pm Sun service. 424 Monte Vista near Piedmont Ave, Oakland. Call (510) 486-0625 for more info.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study grou meets every Wed eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes relational (2-person) meditation, reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Emerge!, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

Gay Religious Science Practitioner in final stage of formal training offers free scientific mind treatments in loving & non-dogmatic context. Call Robert Lokahi 832-7120.

Golden Gate Institute of Religious Science: An educational outreach ministry of the Independent Church of Religious Science, serving the gay & lesbian community. Classes & credentials offered. Write Rev Jon Lindsay, 36250 Easterday Way, Fremont CA 94536 for more info.

Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.

California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.

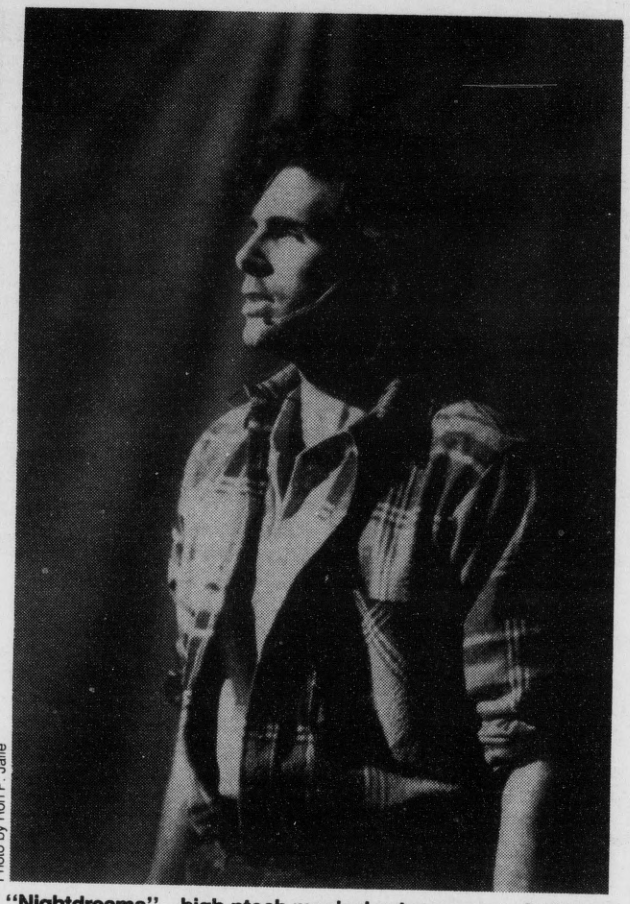


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"Nightdreams"—high-ptech musical extravaganza. OnStage has info.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.

SF Frontrunners is a running club for lesbians & gay men. All levels welcome. Free runs: every Tues at 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg, Market St & Embarcadero, SF, followed by dinner; Sat at 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park, SF, followed by brunch; & every Sun at 9 am at various locations (see Main Calendar), followed by brunch. Come join our walking division at same time & place as Runs. Business mtgs/potlucks 1st Sat of each month (after Run). Info: Marie 921-3697.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners Club for Southbay runners. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto. Info: Linda (408) 245-5083 or Jay (415) 858-2800.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 285-1260 eves.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD 776-8107. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5 monthly calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

SAGA North: Gay & Lesbian Alpine Ski Club. Ski trips & social activities. Call 995-2772.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Sea Snakes: SF's Gay Scuba Club. Monthly mtgs. Dive trips to Monterey, scuba certification classes; social events & exotic dive trips. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.

SF Tsunami: Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Team. All ability levels welcome to attend 4 weekly coached workouts. Sun 10-11:45 am at King Pool, 3rd & Carroll, SF. Mon 7:30-9 pm, Wed 6:15-7:30 pm and Thurs 6:15-8 pm at Hamilton Pool, Geary & Steiner, SF. For info call Marta 241-9632 or Ken 621-2778.

Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Men's Touch Football Group meets Sat mornings at 10 am in Golden Gate Park, SF. All ages & skill levels are welcome! If you played in high school & miss it, or if you never touched a football before but thought it might be fun to "play with the guys," call John 252-9769 for details.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114.

X-TA-C Gay & Lesbian Cross Country Skiing Club: Sponsors one-day and weekend trips to various locations in Northern Calif. Potluck meetings held montly during ski season. All skiing levels are welcome. For details call 330-5485.

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SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Men's Support Group: discussion of bisexual men's issues. Not a therapy group. Meets every other Sun 7:30-9:30 pm. Info/location: 626-3910.

Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 7-9 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jane 387-0109.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Marin Bisexual Women's Support Group: meets 2nd & 4th Thurs in San Anselmo. Info: Cindy 456-4192.

North County Bisexual Support Groups: Side by Side provides peer support for bisexual men & women. 7-7:30 pm social, followed by mtg until 9:30, then short social time. Group discusses any issues brought forth by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome. Sonoma County: Every Thurs night, call Dena (707) 523-2036 or Colin (707) 823-2990. Mendocino County: Coed group 2nd Fri of each month, women-only group 4th Fri of the month, both groups are in Ukiah, call Colin (707) 823-2990 or send SASE to Free By Choice, PO Box 111, Calpella CA 95418.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

Flikker Network: Int'l network for female-to-gay male and female-to-bisexual male transsexuals. For more info write to Flikker Network, c/o R.K, #634, PO Box 410-9901, SF CA 94141-0990.

Transsexual Support Group for FTMs and MTFs who are permanently kicked out of their families. Gain support, discuss issues. Contact: RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.

Lesbians Supporting Lesbian S/M in Sonoma County meets 1st Sun of each month. Call M (707) 525-9822 for more info.

Leatherdykes Support/Discussion/Social Group meets 2nd Thurs of each month, 2 pm. A group of lesbian-identified lesbians into s/m & leather; positive & responsible about sexuality. Group practices safe & consensual s/m sex. For lesbians only. Info: (510) 654-1591 Eastbay.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Lesbian El Support Group: East Bay

Environmental Illness support group. Info: Mickey (510) 843-2649, Naja (510) 548-1549, Randa (415) 648-9481.
Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness. Meets once or twice a month in SF/Eastbay for discussion, critique, inspiration & support for doing our art despite the limits of our illness. Access to womyn with EI a priority. Both chairs & bed available at mtg. 20 stairs to mtg place. No SIGN/ASL interpreter. Info: Naja (510) 548-1549 or Mickey (510) 843-2649.
Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.
UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups
Stanford Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups.
Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.
Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).
BASIL (Bay Area Sicilian & Italian American Lesbians). Una famiglia de lesbiche addressing cultural & political concerns of Sicilian & Italian American lesbians, gain awareness of our ethnic identity, resist assimilation into Anglo culture. If you need a pasta mix, don't dine alone! Call Rosemary 237-6207 or Janet 654-3531. Newcomers welcome, half-bloods are OK.
Working Class Lesbian discussion, writing, visual arts group. A space for working class lesbians to share experiences of growing up working class, develop strong working class identity, make links between classism and other oppressions. Info: Yvette 584-5979.
MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.
Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
Eating Disorder Support Group for men & women recovering from anorexia & bulimia. Call Tommy 750-9569 (leave message) for details
Hot Flashes, support group for premenopausal and post-menopausal lesbians. Call Judith 431-8146 for details.
For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds



Sonia Johnson leads a workshop for women on relationships and sex, Jan. 25 in Santa Rosa.

in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy", "recovery addiction", "incest/battery therapy" and "discussion/consultation groups".**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.
McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.
Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.
Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans in SF at SF Native American Health Clinic, 56 Julian Ave, SF. All-Indian staff, no problem is too large or too small. Info/appt: Dr Lisa Quinn 532-2933.
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.
For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling", "relationship", "recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► YOUTH

Gay Area Youth Switchboard: Call 386-GAYS.
LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation Ctr): for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth. Dances, outings, newsletter, etc. Meetings held 2nd Sun of the month at 1853 Market St nr Guerrero, SF. Come meet other youth, have fun! Info: Beth 252-6059.
"Jackson Street," meets weekly, Thurs from 4-5:30 pm. Are you lesbian, gay or bisexual, under 22? Looking for a group that's rap & therapy too? Want to talk about how to survive & deal with issues like coming out, sexual identity, survival, relationships, anxiety about AIDS &. other health issues?—if you answered yes to one or all of the above questions, this group's for you! Come find support & help. Group facilitated by Ruth Hughes & Dave Johnson of Ctr for Special Problems. 1700 Jackson St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Franklin St), SF. Co-spons by Lesbian/Gay/Bi Minority Youth Program. Info: Ruth Hughes, 558-4801.
BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.
California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.
Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves at 7 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.
Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

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properly.

The best can be the enemy of the good. Many clinical trials are so stringent that, for example, research nurses must draw a blood sample exactly six hours after giving the dose. But often they can't draw it at exactly six hours; the patient is away from the bed, etc. But they write down six hours because they're afraid to write down the actual time. The methods of analysis that we use in classical trials are crude, and highly sensitive to violation of protocol, because they make no assumptions about what is going on, because they don't build into their model time variations, etc. So we make a very strict protocol; but then the actual protocol, what actually happens, generally does not look very much like the nominal protocol which was supposed to happen. So we fool ourselves, when we use these supposedly objective methods, because often what happened is not what we intended to happen.

One reason for paying attention to more observational-type data is that you will get to find out what did happen. The nominal and the actual designs will match, although you need a more complicated model. We are so much worse off not knowing when people in studies use drugs that are not allowed in the protocol, than if we asked them to write down what they took and what dose. A basic rule in life is that you want to look at reality. These concerns are so mixed up with social and political issues that it's hard to just talk about what makes sense scientifically, aside from the social context.

In the public, and in Congress, we have to focus on the process of getting the right folks thinking about the problem, rather than on what actually happens. Or every time there's a mistake, you will have somebody like a Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.) making a fuss. The process itself has layers of assurance so that you avoid criticism, can engender a sense of security. You and I both know it's a false sense of security, and that we are paying this huge overhead for what is essentially a political and social phenomenon of everybody wanting to have their fingers in the pie and be able to second guess, trying to be sure of something you can't be sure about, trying to legislate away risk. We can and do spend a fortune trying to do it, but it's an ill-spent fortune.

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Letters...

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more in keeping with whatever "Master Plan" might exist.

No matter what the "Plan" may be, it appears that our ultimate challenge is to deal humanely with those human beings already born; not to destroy abortion clinics. Why not devote our efforts not only to the prevention of hunger, child abuse and disease, but to make life more comfortable and constructively challenging for everyone—especially the obviously disadvantaged? Such efforts would demonstrate an unwavering respect for life and prove, not only to whatever authority may exist but probably more important, to ourselves, that we believe sincerely that life is precious.

It seems to me that only if we provide a more nurturing equal opportunity environment for those human beings already born will we reinforce sufficiently the concept that life, whether it is prenatal or postnatal, has significant value. Only then will abortions be aborted, no longer to be sought by any of us who have been blessed with the opportunity to continue living after having been born.

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BY DON BAIRD

Hole Lang Syne

It seems that as every year draws to a close in a tense fog of holiday fury, at least one musical event near the end of December shines like a beacon as one of the truly definitive shows of the year. It was a Thursday at the I-Beam, and on this day, born unto us a saviour... a band called HOLE, none of that Christ child shit.

Seeing Hole's opening set for Smashing Pumpkins was like witnessing the premature delivery of the Christ child. It was like when rock critic Dave Marsh saw a Springsteen show and proclaimed, "I've seen the future of Rock 'n' Roll." It was like being present the night that Patti Smith fell from the stage and broke her neck. It was like watching fiery and unforgettable rock 'n' roll history in the making. It was, like, super cool, and I was probably one of about a dozen people who considered their show monumental. If the other members of the crowd weren't repulsed by the aural assault, then they were by all visible indications spellbound by this fierce display of essentially everything that distinguishes rebellion and true greatness in rock.

Hole is an LA-based band of three girls and one guy, fronted by Courtney Love, a striking blond vocalist/guitarist who looks simultaneously like a fragile beauty and a tough-as-nails rocker bitch who could kick those Wilson Phillips girls' butts with one hand tied behind her back and a metal rat-tail comb. This person is a survivor. Courtney is an infamous rock scene graduate who many years ago sang briefly with Faith No More (then called Faith No Man), back when The Mabuhay was still hosting bands, appeared in a few Alex Cox films, and aligned herself with several LA bands for various projects. More recently she became the blushing bride-to-be of Kurt Cobain, singer/guitarist/blond of Nirvana. They will no doubt go down in history as rock's favorite bleached couple, leaving Nelson heartbroken and bitter. Courtney Love is the Queen of all rock scene chicks.

It seems almost too perfect that Sonic Youth's Kim Gordon was enlisted to produce Hole's first LP, *Pretty Inside*, and even more perfect that Courtney believes it was the Hello Kitty hair barrette she sent along with their demo tape that sealed up the deal.



Photo by Daniel Nicoletta; Make-up by Jake

Connie Champagne

At any rate, Hole took the stage and did a song about wanting to be "the girl with the most clothes." I noted to myself that their first single, "Retard Girl," dealt with a sort of twisted school-kid theme, and to trip through that terror again is a marvelous theme for a scary rock song, on pink vinyl no less. The first couple of songs sounded a bit like an elongated warm-up, but then the band crashed into a slightly faster version of their hit single "Teenage Whore," which made it to #1 on the British charts, and everything fell into place for the rest of the set.

I began to see what could be easily mistaken for sloppy guitar dredge and a lot of screaming, began sounding—to a more discerning ear—like there was a method to this madness, a more complex Sonic Youth-like deconstructive guitar assault, beauty and form within chaos, etc. Courtney's vocals have a certain quality that continually surprises—how quickly she can go from light and even wispy to horrendously loud and powerful, like all of The Runaways and an 18-wheeler hauling gravel. All that, yet her guitar is covered with appliques of fuzzy, sweet little kittens.

If you missed the show, I'll just sum it up with: They played my favorite Hole song, Courtney threw her drink and glass on the crowd, they played an encore because "a friend of ours died," and when it was over Courtney tried to smash her guitar, looking quite emotional. It was total godhead, but if you missed it, I suggest purchasing the 12-inch single of "Teenage Whore," for its B-side is absolutely captivating vinyl, perhaps my year-end favorite. They didn't play "Retard Girl" though, and when I screamed for it, people kind of looked at me funny. I found cool jewelry on the floor that night.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

This night of nights has never been one of my favorites, so I usually choose something on the quiet side to do. For a change this year, I threw on an ostentatious hat and some super-cute duds, grabbed a friend who usually doesn't go out for New Year's, and we set out to do everything or as much of everything as possible.

We started out at The He-She Follies, a drag show produced by Stephen Parr at The Strand theater, which still smells like urine. We got a wild set by The Pleshettes, including a new original called "Boomerang Ashtray," an ode to '50s furniture augmented by Deena Davenport sliding a can of Aquanet up and down her bass strings. Then we saw the unmitigated queen of lip-synching, Billy DeHerrara, a modern-type drag queen who has hung on to the true artistry of the synch of yesteryear, just when so many queens think that looking pretty is all they need to do! Billy is a star with an unforgettable shine, and one of the only acts I've seen at Klubstitute to get a standing ovation from that crowd.

The true, over-the-top, brilliant performer of the night was the magnificent Pussy Tourette, singing three original songs with two female backup vocalists a la Madonna, electric guitar accompaniment by Brigid, a.k.a. God's Girlfriend, the seven-foot-tall trans-bitch guitar goddess, some pre-recorded rhythm tracks, highly professional and stunning choreography, and even a hot leather daddy entering on a motorcycle with a variety of marital aids to ice this sick-fuck cake of drag brilliance.

Pussy Tourette herself was like a dream. Her muscularly taut frame was resonant with the body language of pure womanhood—all, I might add, without the aid of false breasts. It was like when Bowie played the Elephant Man on Broadway with no makeup. This girl worked that flat chest and those remarkable gams, and was convincing as all to hell, singing and dancing through a song called "Free Pussy," and well into a new realm of drag phenomenon. Shades of Isherwood's Berlin collided with the confusion of the post-modern drag '90s. It was the ultimate. Look for Pussy Tourette opening for Connie Champagne at The Klubstitute on Jan. 18, and don't forget to call the Colour Me Connie hotline at 1-900-844-0440 ext. 24329 (it'll cost you) to hear Connie's songs, secrets and dreams of winning a Bammie.

From The Strand we headed for Colossus to have a New Year's drink with the most sought after bartender in San Francisco. My party pig partner for the evening, who is about ten years older than myself, commented that Colossus reminded her of the old Dreamland from the disco days. Astute observation! Some things never change. I pointed out to her that all those preening, muscular, shirtless guys never mate outside their species, but the club itself does provide a magnificent lighting system and some innovative DJ mixing to sweat shirtless and match gym cards by. We took our leave and headed for Uranus, just around the block.

Now there was a good time! The moment we walked in, it felt like a party place. I saw more people I knew there than anywhere else that night, most of them dashing up to me with pupils larger than usual and a certain bubbling effervescence, saying things like, "Isn't it fun here tonight? I mean, lots more fun than usual! It is isn't it?" I love a beautiful drug experience.

And I love a couple of new dancers featured at Uranus. One goes by the name of Connie Chaos. She's a little wisp of a thing, wearing a dark wig reminiscent of cousin Serena on "Bewitched," with a mere black bra and panty ensemble rounding out her look. What she does on the go-go rise is the only thing I've seen in a dancer that even approaches the dementia, the scathing derangement of local go-go hag-goddess Jerome. Connie, pleasantly and pathologically, conveys that slight, unstuck feminine movie madness, like the only girl with nice lingerie suddenly pulled from the movie Snakepit and placed before us to dance, like someone told her she was Audrey Hepburn or something. It was heartening to see such innovation in an area where I thought I'd seen it all. The other new dancer is Jason, the long-haired, tattooed, shirtless, sweating, armored sex god who I couldn't take my eyes off of for the longest time. He must be seen to be believed and so must his poly-rhythmic hip motions. He's amazing.

We closed that joint and moseyed on over to Toon Town, where things got a touch confusing. The place was just packed with about six or seven thousand people, all seemingly on drugs in a big way. It reminded me, oddly enough, of what I hear a Grateful Dead show is like. Some friends I ran into told me that it brought to mind the crowd at a Kiss concert. There were just tons of people

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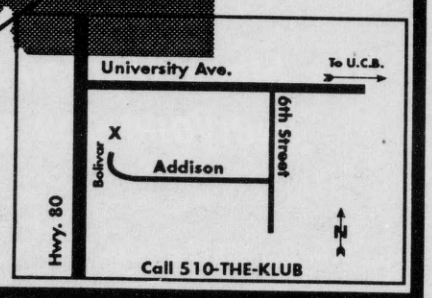
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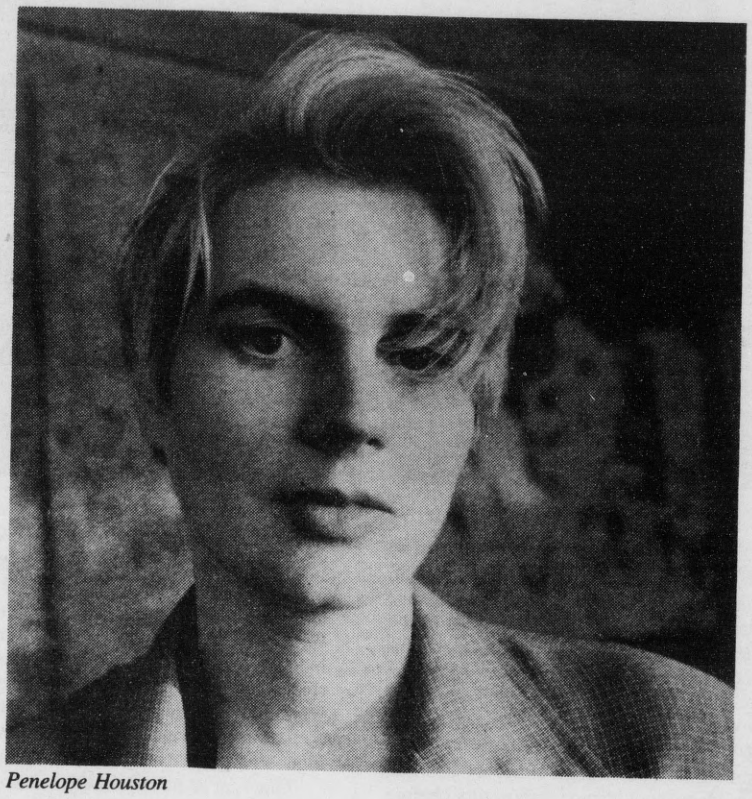
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LOUNGING ABOUT

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Penelope Houston

A PREVIEW: WOMYN'S CULTURAL OVER-INDULGENCE DAY

Scanning the press for shows of interest, I compiled a great wealth of 'em, only to discover an embarrassment of riches for Jan. 18. The lesbian choral ensemble VOICES is performing in Oakland, while on this side of the bay we find Linda Tillery, Holly Near and Dance Brigade, Blazing Redheads, the On Screen festival. So...What's a devotee of wim-m-min's culture to do? Never fear. Herewith is the Lounging About guide to cultural over-indulgence. If you drive a car, I can't help you, but if you're a public transportation buff, then read on. It's a snap with a Fast Pass.

OK, so start off in Oakland at 8 pm with the VOICES show at Laney College. Stay for one song or one Marga Gomez joke, then hop BART at Lake Merritt and get off at 16th and Mission. Dash up to the Roxie (16th and Valencia) and grab some popcorn. Meet and greet some film types. Then walk over to 18th Street and up to Mission High School between Guerrero and Church, where a benefit for the Buena Vista School will be taking place. You'll probably catch a bit of the Dance Brigade by this time. Then take the J Church to Van Ness. Jump on the 49 going up Van Ness and get off at O'Farrell. Walk two blocks to the Great American Music Hall for the Blazing Redheads. (You can stand outside if you're boycotting them.) Then retrace your steps to Van Ness and take the 42 all the way down to Slim's, where you'll catch Linda Tillery headlining an evening of Women in Soul and R&B. Thus concludes your evening, and what a night it was, eh? Film, dance, music, and three forms of public transit! So, what if you're frazzled and only got to see five minutes of each show. You've supported your sisters and become well-rounded in the process. I do this all the time. And if you believe that, you'll believe I'm Frank Jordan's love child. Hello? Is anybody coordinating scheduling out there?

CINDY LEE BERRYHILL
DNA Lounge, Jan. 9

Berryhill was a vaunted member of the new folk uprising of a few years back. Her last album was released toward the end of 1989, but this troubadour of quirky songs has been working up new material since then and has teamed up with some bandmates from her native San Diego. The show leaned toward this unreleased material, though the few recorded songs were greeted with appreciative applause from a house full of fans, every performer's dream. Berryhill had a head cold, rendering her high-pitched voice a little more adenoidal than usual, but to no ill effect. Performing solo with just her acoustic guitar and harmonica, she ran through the first four songs of the set, including "Damn," the complaint of a girl who realizes life would be easier if she were a male. Adopting a knock-kneed stance, the singer trilled, "Damn! I wish I was a man. I could be a sex symbol with a big pot belly, like Jack Nicholson." Joined by the two-man band of acoustic bass and drums, she hit some other high points with the "Brian Song," her tribute to Brian Wilson and "Cindy's New York," in which her phrasing sounded eerily like Suzanne Vega's. The set ended with the rocking "She Had Everything," for which Berryhill and her band pulled out the stops. Berryhill's two records are out on Rhino, and she's talking to another label about a third.

PENELOPE HOUSTON/SF SEALS
I-Beam, Jan. 11

This was a swell opportunity to see two of SF's finest songwriting talents in Penelope Houston and Barbara Manning, who's now in the SF Seals. Houston, long into her second musical life as an acoustic artist, voiced the theme for the evening with the declaration "I'm glad I'm a girl."

The SF Seals opened the show with a very loose set. Manning, looking like a grown-up Cindy Brady, seemed unsure in her role as frontwoman, establishing an interesting set-by-consensus concept. At one point, she remarked, "We need to work on our stage image." Yep, but the music made up for their lapses of concentration. Manning's songwriting abilities were the focal point, combining introspective lyrics with pop melodies and shifts in tempo. Except for two songs sung by bass player Michelle Cernuto, Manning handled the vocals, and the material was culled largely from her new CD, *One Perfect Green Blanket*, released by local label Heyday.

The 18 songs of the recording include "Lock Your Room Up Tight," which provided a good workout for cellist Kim Osterwalder, along with touches of fuzz guitar from Manning. "Sympathy Wreath," a funny, quirky song about self pity, is a favorite of mine, which also turned up on the set list. Drummer Melanie Clarin, doing double duty as an SF Seal and member of Harm Farm, added some backing vocals on several songs, to good effect. The group finished with "Straw Man" which sounds like a single, before giving way jokingly to "Penny Houston and her band."

Houston, who could be seen up front by the stage singing along during the Seals' set, came out swinging with a four-piece band of standup bass, mandolin, acoustic guitar and drums. She began with the observation, "I have this theory about coming out," much to the interest of the queers in the crowd...but no, this was about coming out *to shows*. "People are going out because they're poorer and with this recession...they need to feel better." Hmm. Whatever the reason, most people did seem to be there for the music rather than to get pissed, pick someone up or any other reason. Houston carried on with her pithy comments and jokes, and made a point of introducing songs. She mentioned that "Harry Dean" has been accepted for use in a movie by "the guy who wrote *The River's Edge*." Other songs are featured on her live tape *On Borrowed Time—Live in Frisco*, available in stores. She skipped most old stuff, playing only one song from her first solo record, *Birdboys*.

Houston, who's been dogged by expectations from her early success as a punk goddess, finally seems to have come to terms with her past. She's been nominated for a BAMMIE as Best Female Vocalist. She felt comfortable enough to cover the Avengers' song, "Corpus Christi," and finished with "Glad I'm a Girl," a song which owes much in attitude if not in sound to the energy of punk. Plus, she sneered while she sang it. It was an appropriate conclusion to this musical girls' night out.

COMING OUT WON'T KILL YOU

Does this title sound like one of those deadly serious documentaries? Well, surprise, it's a comedy! Videomaker Debbie Daliege gathered her friends for this mock-serious guide to coming out as a lesbian and gave herself the starring role. Our heroine, looking like a cross between k.d. lang and Gretchen Phillips, comes to her senses while watching the *Dick Van DYKE Show*, when she realizes she prefers Laura to Rob. Thus she enters the strange and mysterious world of the lesbian "lifestyle," navigating the twists of dating and mating. In Daliege's world, people wear stick-on labels showing their sexual orientation, and dykes use hand signals to indicate sexual interest. Hey, if it works...

Shot in Chicago, the video ventures into local landmarks like the bookstore People Like Us and the Paris dance club, with appearances by softball, leather and crystal dykes, some of whom are played by Daliege. At 40 minutes, it zips by and provides some knowing, hearty laughs.

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wandering around smiling and being very sweet and polite. Many were dancing, but the music wasn't quite grabbing me enough to set me into motion. I just wandered around, stared at the inflatable jumping castle, lost my companion to the dance floor, met someone who wanted to step outside for a chat, did so, and as he trotted out the gate, I paused and asked for a hand stamp to regain entry and the girl told me no ins and outs, then prompted me with, "You better catch up to your friend or you'll lose him." How polite and full of love that was! Well, we showed her by finding an elevator in the parking garage next door, taking it to the sixth floor of the fashion center, finding the empty bathroom up there, doing copious amounts of drugs, and descending the inoperative escalators straight back into the club. But we left shortly after.

I expect there will be better Toon Towns in the future. This one seemed a bit disparate and unfocused, but I realize New Year's Eve is not your typical night, and maybe I'll try a hit of Ecstasy next time, see if that helps. After all, isn't 1992 the official year of The Swinger?

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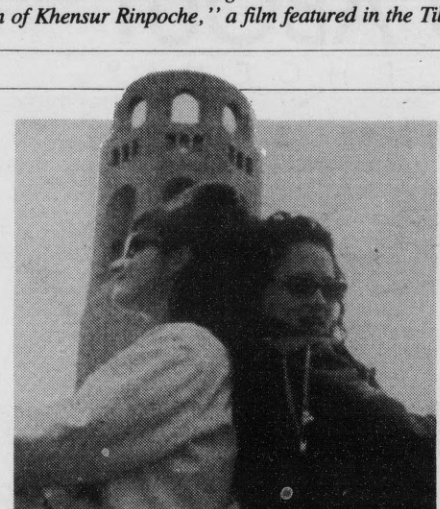
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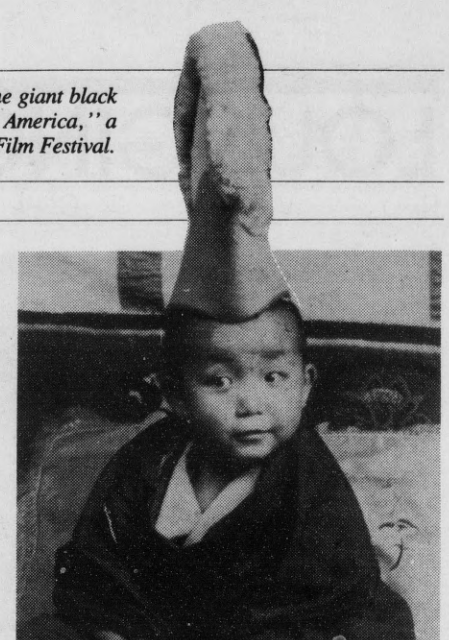
SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

FILM

BY RANDY TUROFF







(L. to R.) Peter Weller, as William Lee, meets with his drug dealer who specializes in the meat of the giant black centipede, in "Naked Lunch"; Clara Bellino as Stella and Diviana Ingravallo as Maria in "Steal America," a scene from "The Reincarnation of Khensur Rinpoche," a film featured in the Tibet Film Festival.

Naked Lunch

Director David Cronenberg (*Scanners, The Fly*) has created a distinctive film in *Naked Lunch*. Adapting William Burroughs' surrealistic ground-breaking novel for the screen, Cronenberg has succeeded in capturing the essence of Burroughs' grotesque literary imagination, while at the same time using the medium of film to its utmost advantage. The visuals, the special effects, the script, the acting, the studio sets and the jazz soundtrack were handled so deftly, that nothing was lost and much was gained in the transition from book to film. In fact, by structuring the screenplay into a recognizable narrative with plot, character and realistic dialogue, Cronenberg made an accessible movie from the words of an often inaccessible book.

The main character of the film, Bill Lee, represents none other than William Burroughs himself in the process of writing *Naked Lunch*. But this is no writer-sitting-at-the desk type of movie. The film is in the paranoid drug-induced mind of the writer who is acting in and being written by the book, which is his life being lived as a hallucination. There is no distance between what is being imagined and what is. This premise affords the filmmaker all sorts of opportunities to bring the hallucinatory creatures to life, creatures like evil reptilian Mugwumps, and psychically invasive typewriters which transmogrify into huge insects telling the author what to write and what to do. They speak through sexually graphic anuses, and they pull the author's fingers into their squishy flesh.

Naked Lunch opens in 1954 in a seedy part of New York City. Bill Lee, a former junkie, is trying to go straight. He's got a job as an exterminator, which he takes dead seriously, and he's married to a woman named Joan. Trouble escalates when Joan becomes hooked on shooting up roach powder. She says it's a literary high, Kafkaesque, she feels like a bug. Exhibiting the brand of deadpan humor endemic to the film, she blows her breath toward the wall, and several roaches drop down dead.

Bill is subsequently pulled in and taken downtown by a couple of narcs. At police headquarters, he is locked into an office where a monstrous beetle comes out of a box and tells him that it has a message for him from central control. It tells him that he must kill his wife because she is an agent from Interzone incorporated. He returns home to find Joan being fucked by a friend of his. She says it's nothing, they're both junkies and nobody can come anyway. In the key scene of the film, Bill tells Joan that it's time for them to play "William Tell." The revolver is pulled out, and Joan places the glass on top of her head. A shot is fired. The camera shows the unbroken water glass rolling on the floor. Joan has a bullet hole in her forehead.

In actuality, in real life, William Burroughs did murder his wife while playing a game of "William Tell" at a party. He had the reputation for being a crack shot. But this time he missed. Accidentally?

At a pawn shop, Bill Lee trades in his gun for a typewriter. Burroughs admits that the murder of his wife facilitated his writing of *Naked Lunch*. Bill heads for Interzone (a Tangiers of the mind) to undertake his assignment. Various demons instruct him on what to do. His mission is to write reports on the illicit manufacturing of Black Meat which is a powerful drug made from the crushed bodies of aquatic black Brazilian centipedes. The reports which Burroughs hallucinated that he was writing as a homosexual undercover agent for central control, became what was to be published as *Naked Lunch*. Allen Ginsberg, a friend and ex-lover, was instrumental in gathering the bloodstained manuscript and in bringing it back to the States. Burroughs wrote the book in Tangiers while in a state of perpetual addiction following the death of his wife.

Burroughs' attitudes toward women and toward his own homosexuality are very disturbing. The film spells it out without apology. While in Tangiers, Burroughs fell in with writers Paul and Jane Bowles, who appear in the film as Tom and Joan Frost. Cronenberg exhibits his intelligence and subtlety by having Joan Frost played by the same actress who played Joan Lee. Bill Lee relives his trauma over and over again. When Bill first meets Tom Frost, Tom asks him if it is true that he murdered his wife. Bill says it was an accident. Tom shakes his head and says that there are no accidents, that he's been telepathically murdering his own wife for years, gradually killing Joan by constantly nibbling away at her self-esteem and sanity. In actuality, Paul and Jane Bowles did have a murderously competitive and sexually antagonistic relationship, and in the end Paul had her committed.

After Bill meets the second Joan, an insect controller tells him he must seduce and demolish her, as she is an enemy female agent. The insect tells him not to worry because women aren't human, they're an inferior species. The only one to be wary of is Fadela, Joan's lesbian dominatrix. Fadela is a sadistic dyke, known as a witch who wears black leather gloves, carries a whip and smokes a big cigar. The specter of the cruel lesbian is held up as a most insidious creature who can strike fear into all hearts. Whereas Joan, according to the arch villain, Dr. Benway, is only a "prurient little cunt" in the boys world.

Burroughs' internalized homophobia is equally as offensive as is his misogyny. He considered his queerness to be an inherited perversity and a disgusting burden with which he was saddled: "Could it be possible that I was one of those abominable things?" In a sense, *Naked Lunch* is a book which acted as a purgative to flush out the demons of sexual self-hatred which plagued this severely repressed, wealthy, Midwestern, Harvard graduate. His trauma over the murder of his wife was probably displaced by the obsessive fantasies of mutilation and psychic invasion which, under the influence of drugs, released the demons out of his head and onto the page. It's ugly, twisted

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Steal America

Lucy Phillips' film, *Steal America*, surfaced this autumn at various local film festivals. It's opening on Jan. 17 at the Lumiere Theatre. The original word around town was that the film was very "San Francisco Art Institute," in the negative sense of being pretentiously performance-arty and amateurish. I think it's better than that, but it's not as "witty" or "weirdly exhilarating" as the press blurb from the *L.A. Times* suggests.

The film is low budget, monochromatic and 88 minutes *long*. It is set primarily in North Beach, with some road footage shot in Las Vegas. Unlike the original "slackers," the Austin kids of the same generation suffering from political disillusionment and the collapse of the American Dream, these European expatriates seem to be simply vacuous thrill-seekers and tourists of life. They hop from city to city and country to country, meeting each other in the street and at cheap cafes and clubs, hooking up for short times before running off to other destinations. The restlessness translates as boredom, and the lack of insight into what's happening around them makes their self-involvement seem trivial. Although they venture from place to place, in the end there's nothing ventured and nothing gained.

The director has a good eye, and it worked to good effect with the film's cinematography. Phillips has captured the foggy, moody grittiness of the San Francisco streets and waterfront. She's used the black-and-white film to get that gray shadowy feeling reminiscent of early Godard films of the '60s. The jazzy instrumental score by Gregory Jones provided the magic which kept the film moving.

The script is basically unmemorable, with home-movie dialogue and superficial characterizations. The plot is linear. Stella from Switzerland meets Christophe from France, on a Greyhound bus headed for San Francisco. She gets a job in a postcard shop in North Beach. He gets a job parking cars. He meets Maria from Italy who works as a prep person in a restaurant down the block. Christophe gets fired from his job so he steals a car without second thought: "Oh, the worst they can do is deport me." He picks up Stella and Maria and the three of them, as an ambiguous menage-a-trois, drive to New Orleans.

"One year later," as the titles inform us, Stella and Maria are back in San Francisco. Stella hooks up with a gas station attendant/painter named Jack. There are a couple of performance art pieces by Stella and by Maria at the Chi Chi Club. Stella plays some Japanese businessmen for a club contract, and in the end, she flies to Japan: "America's just a stepping-stone for Japan." Jack flies back to New York, and Maria is preparing to go to New York as well. That's pretty much all there is to it. They float away like soap bubbles.

The film stars Clara Bellino, a French chanteuse who works with the band *Flying Monkeys*, Charlie Homo, and unknown, Kevin Haley, who has appeared in numerous TV commercials and in a couple of other films, and Diviana Ingravallo, who is a bad-girl performance artist known for her lascivious work with blow-up dolls.

The Tibet Film Festival

The Tibet Film Festival Tour is coming to San Francisco, with the opening night benefit and subsequent screenings at the Castro Theatre. The entire Festival runs Jan. 23-30. Opening night includes the showing of the film *Lung Ta: The Forgotten Tibet*, narrated by Richard Gere, and performances by avant-garde Tibetan flutist Nawang Khechog, and the Tibetan Dance and Opera Company, which will begin the evening with traditional folk music and dance. Proceeds will benefit the work of the International Committee for Lawyers for Tibet at the United Nations and the Tibetan U.S. Resettlement Project which is sponsored by the Bay Area Friends of Tibet. Advance tickets are available at City Lights and Modern Times as well as at the Tibet shop and the Himalayan shop. Check the Castro for show times or call (415) 241-9197 for further information.

Lung Ta: The Forgotten Tibet

This extraordinary film, released in 1991, is directed by Marie Jaoul de Poncheville and Franz-Christophe Giercke, who along with a filmmaking crew of seven women, set off to retrace the steps of Alexandra David-Neel to rediscover the eastern regions of Amdo and Kham, which were once part of ancient Tibet. The area has now been under Chinese rule for 40 years. What the film crew found was devastating, and the film conveys the political realities of Tibet under Chinese occupation with chilling candor. The film is both profoundly sad and beautiful, and serves as an impassioned plea to the United States and the United Nations to take immediate action in recognizing the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms—violations which are going on under the Chinese military rule.

The film starts with a confiscated video shot by the Chinese police and snuck out of Tibet to the West. In no uncertain terms, it shows monks being harassed and brutally beaten by Chinese squads in the courtyard of a Buddhist temple in March 1988.

Lung Ta begins with a short message from the Dalai Lama. He says, "We are starting to realize that wherever we are in the world, we are connected with the problems of the rest of the planet." As a result of global awareness, he hopes that the rest of the world will see the situation in Tibet and help Tibetans regain their rights. This could benefit everyone, including the Chinese. He is working hard to create a Tibet which will be a "Zone of Peace." The Dalai Lama's message throughout the film to the Tibetan people is to have patience, compassion and perseverance. His insistence on nonviolence is unshakable.

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Sweet Honey in the Rock: An Interview with Evelyn Maria Harris

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

Sweet Honey in the Rock has been the last word in a cappella singing for some 20 years now, and a live appearance by the group of African American women is cause for celebration. Sweet Honey brings its joyful noise to Zellerbach Hall in Berkeley on Jan. 24 for its annual Bay Area show.

Though the five singers in the group and their sign language interpreter create a wealth of entertainment together on stage, off stage they have other lives, as well. They all hold jobs five days a week and then travel on weekends, playing concerts, festivals and special events. That's how it's always been and will be, says Evelyn Maria Harris, who's been with the group since 1974. Harris, 41, is a proofreader by trade, as well as Sweet Honey's chief balladeer. She spoke by phone from the group's home base of Washington, D.C. to give *SF Bay Times* an update on the group's activities and her own life.

Harris says of Sweet Honey, "We're a group of women who have other occupations and other lives that we pursue when we can. We're not looking to be Top 40." Though the music industry may consider their schedule part-time, Harris scoffs at that notion. "You decide if your music is serious to you. Categories wouldn't work for Sweet Honey—gospel, blues, women's music—we do all of that. They look at us and they scratch their heads." Currently, the fivesome are artists-in-residence at the Levine School of Music in Washington, D.C. The group is getting ready to put out its tenth recording, which should see a release by next summer.

The group's subject matter is one strike against them in the commercial sphere. Songs about the evils of racism or multinational corporations are not the mainstay of commerical radio. Group founder Bernice Johnson Reagon has said that the essence of Sweet Honey, though, is love, a sentiment with which Harris concurs. Her compositions include such exquisite evocations of love as "Gift of Love" and "My Lament."

With "My Lament," Harris put her own spin on the idea of lost love, personalizing it, in terms of losing a woman lover. She says, "I feel that love is more universal than sexual. The spirit of love is universal, [something] that everybody can relate to in some way. It doesn't matter if you're in love with a man or a woman, if you're a man or a woman."

Despite those idealistic words, Harris recognizes that being out in concert as a lesbian is a political statement. "Everything is a political statement—how you choose, what you choose—all of those are statements of your politics."

Harris continues, "Because one of us has a very strong opinion doesn't mean it will manifest itself in a song. The group articulates a stand for the rights of all human beings to live in this world. From the stage, we've made that clear. Everybody gets a chance to talk about personal things from the stage. So far there's no song that speaks specifically to homophobia...I don't think that means we are not trying to give voice to the homosexual community. Everybody comes to our concerts. I know we must do something for the people who come. One of the communities that is always present is the gay and lesbian community—it's mostly women that I can see. They come and they find something of themselves in what we are doing."

Despite her forthcomingness, I wonder about the group as a whole. There is little on record of them taking a stand against homophobia, and despite their having performed at such events as the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, their resume lists no gay or even women's events. When I ask Harris about this, she responds, "Are you sure?" and asks me to read back the list of their appearances. Then she pauses. "Hmmm. I don't know why that is. It's not anything we're trying to hide." Michigan "is a festival that we love to go to and that we have done many, many times." She recalls a gay pride event they did in D.C. a few years ago. "There's no one in the group who wouldn't participate in something like that."

I ask if she feels torn by her identities and loyalties to the communities to which she belongs. Harris replies, "The fact that I exist as all of them is a good thing, and it validates all of them. Do I feel torn? Frankly, I don't feel that I've had to make that decision. I feel blessed to be part of Sweet Honey. I get a chance to interact with many communities. I feel I do as much as I can for as many as I can."

These days, Harris has her hands full. She and her lover have just adopted a little girl, Carrie, who will turn 3 on Feb. 5. I asked her if the couple faced any problems because they are women. "There's a law against that in D.C.," she says, expressing surprise at the question. "It's changed my life. I've had her two weeks, and already I just cannot imagine being a single parent. I don't know how they do it. I would not be able to make it without my friend, and she says the same about me." Having taken this big step, she says, "I know I've done the right thing. I welcome the challenges ahead. I'm not looking for a pie-in-the-sky kind of relationship. We'll grow our teeth together. I've always wanted to have children. When my friend and I got together, we decided we wanted to have children together."

When I comment that Harris would seem to be a formidable role model for her child, she responds, laughing, "Kids! That means nothing to them. When she sits down and has a chance to think about it, she just might be encouraged by the things I've done." Harris is determined to raise Carrie to believe that "there's nothing she can't do, nothing that isn't in her reach." Barriers? "That ain't nothin' but a word," she chuckles.

Love and respect are Harris' watchwords. "Most of the problems in the world are because people think they can't deal with another human being, whether it's because of differences or similarities." She offers the pro-life movement as an example. "If you are pro-life, you are for human beings being able to create a better existence for themselves and other human beings they come in contact with. They don't think they are similar to me, but they are. It is *not* a pro-life strategy to burn down an abortion clinic. It is *not* a pro-life strategy to tell women they cannot own their own bodies. I know a whole lot of ways these people can show they are really pro-life without getting into the issue of abortion."

It is that kind of inspirational message that has made Sweet Honey such a forceful musical advocate for justice. Harris says, "I think we give the strength to struggle and hope for the future. I really feel if you do that kind of work and make it your life's business, it really will pay off, maybe not in my lifetime, but in Carrie's lifetime. There will be less isms and schisms to struggle against."



Photo by Roland L. Freeman

Tibet...

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Meanwhile, in this stunning land of snowy mountains, rushing rivers, rich green pastures and mineral-colored landscapes, the Tibetan people are being decimated along with the pristine land. Horrible facts emerge: Out of a population of six million, over one million Tibetans have been killed by the Chinese. They've been put in concentration camps; they've been tortured, robbed, starved and denied religious freedom. Almost all of the monasteries have been destroyed, except for the few the Chinese keep as tourist attractions. One monk who refused to watch the requisite propaganda films denouncing the Dalai Lama was put into solitary confinement for 15 years and was then beaten to death in 1988.

In the 1980s, the Communist Chinese had a massive population transfer, moving 7.5 million Chinese into Tibet, thus rendering the indigenous Tibetan population a minority group in their own land. The Chinese began a sterilization campaign on women and young girls. Tibetan men are conscripted to work in the mines, digging out the rich minerals for Communist profit.

The backdrop to all of these atrocities is a panorama of incomparable beauty. The nomads still trek across the seemingly infinite terrain with their buffalo-like yaks and donkeys. The once-fierce warrior-horsemen gallop across the occupied fields. Peasant festivals occur, under strict surveillance, with dancers in magnificently colored robes and headdresses studded with precious gems. It's hard to believe that this spiritual and ecological Shangri-La is struggling under such a cloak of doom. And the situation has far-reaching implications, even beyond the human tragedy.

China has been clear-cutting the great pine and oak forests, which has altered the monsoon cycle. With major deforestation, repercussions can be felt as far away as Bangladesh in the form of monstrous floods. The Himalayas are the source for many of the great rivers of Asia upon which billions of people depend. With nuclear waste being routinely dumped into Tibet by the Chinese, the great rivers like the Ganges, the Indus, the Yellow and the Mekong are directly affected by the irreversible nuclear pollution. With missile bases planted all over Tibet, the Chinese have strategic control over the entire Asian continent.

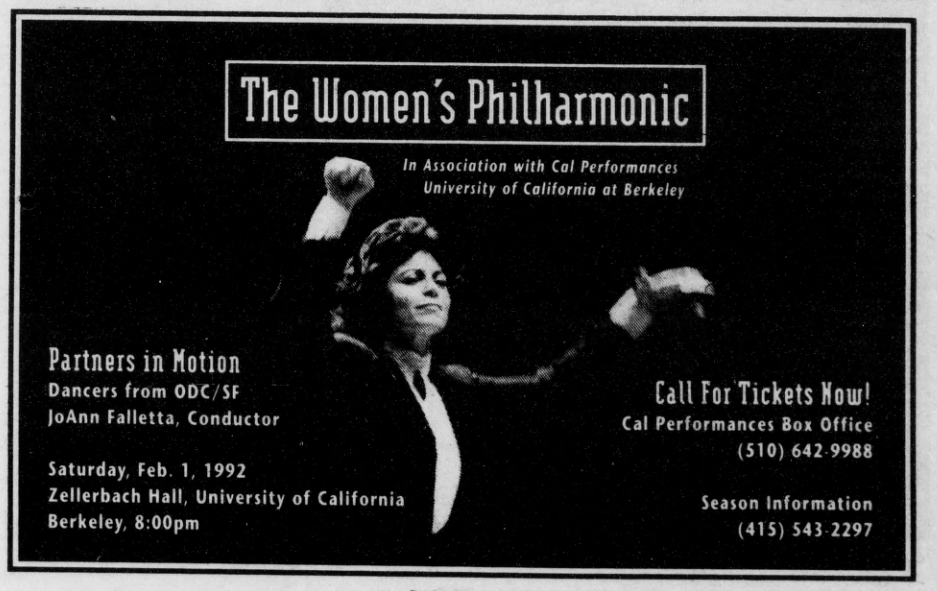
When the Dalai Lama speaks about the interconnectedness of all sentient beings in our world, he is not just speaking metaphorically. If there is to be a new millennium, it seems self-evident that this basic concept must be understood and acted upon by all of us.

Naked Lunch...

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stuff, but Cronenberg has made a fascinating film from the weirdly imaginative self-absorption of William Burroughs' novelistic mind.

The superb cast includes Peter Weller as Bill Lee, Judy Davis as the two Joans, Ian Holm as Tom Frost, Julian Sands as Yves Cloquet the dandy, and Roy Scheider as Dr. Benway. The impeccable jazz saxophone score is courtesy of the Ornette Coleman Trio.



THEATRE

BY GENE PRICE

Wild Blue

For her first directorial project since assuming the artistic helm of Theatre Rhinoceros a year ago, Adele Prandini chose the West Coast premiere of Joe Pintauro's *Wild Blue,* eight one-acts on gay themes. Wise choice.

Pintauro, whose AIDS-themed *Raft of Medusa* is currently playing in New York, set himself a unique objective in writing these short dramas. As the company playwright at The Lab at Circle Rep, he initially wrote 30 short works, each structured as if it were the denouement of a longer work. His objective was "to slip into the play, steal the jewels, and slip out without paying the price of long writing." While this technique puts greater demands upon the audience, requiring sharp attention from the first word of dialogue, the end result of being plunged into the middle of a situation makes for intense, often exhilarating drama. It also makes one wonder if those first 20 minutes of exposition common to most plays are really necessary.

Almost operatic in emotional pitch, *Wild Blue*'s writing is economical, the direction taut, and the ensemble acting is as impressive as we have seen for some time at Rhino.

Uncle Chick involves us in the tenuous relationship of a gay young man who discovers through a mutual acquaintance that his uncle is also gay. Suspicion, rejection and a final acceptance of the nephew's offer of affection delivers a strong emotional impact in the work of actors Chopper Bernet and Shawn Michael Ventura.

Rules of Love finds Charles Blackburn, a priest, hearing the confession of penitent Robert Molossi. The young man confesses to having fallen in love with a priest. The uneasy father reminds the boy that loving someone is no sin. When the boy further confesses that the affair has been consummated sexually several times, the panicked priest warns he cannot give absolution unless the sinner resolves to end the affair. When the boy says he plans to leave the city immediately, the involved priest is stripped of his facade of "official" indifference.

Seymore in the Very Heart of Winter is a mini-drama of gay culture clash. At a Christmas dinner in a French restaurant a young chauffeur is inexplicably clinging to a doomed relationship with an older, unemployed actor he has been supporting. It's an interesting concept, but the play falters through lack of dramatic motivation. Ventura is the petulant lover, Michael Low the self-pitying actor, and Susan Davis the hovering waitress.

Watchman of the Night puts a considerable burden on actor Bernet to react to a series of answering machine messages (which are performed live at opposite corners of the stage). As Mike, he has quarreled with his girlfriend (Davis), come home, switched on his machine to listen to her calls as she asks, then demands, then begs him to pick up the phone. The next call is from a desperate young man (Molossi) professing his love and threatening suicide. It's a wrong number. Mike grabs the phone, establishes contact and tries to talk to the distressed gay lover. The young man hangs up.

In *Frozen Dog* two priests, Kevin (Blackburn) and Vinny (Bernet) physically and psychologically wrestle each other into submission as the culmination of a 10-year relationship in which Kevin has clung to a one-sided love affair.

Lenten Pudding reveals visiting Megan (Davis) attempting to cajole a family recipe for a special pudding from her elderly gay uncle (Low). Mistakenly assuming it was she who reported to the family what she had seen in the gazebo many years ago, he refuses to part with the recipe. Sentimental, predictable, the play is nevertheless moving through the dignity of its characters and the restraint of its actors.

Rosen's Son pitches us headlong into the drama of an uninvited man who interrupts a gay dinner party by attempting to shoot himself at the table. The intruder (Low) is the father of the host's former lover. He denounces Eddie (Blackburn) for taking a new lover so soon after his son's death. In a particularly well-written role, Eddie confesses he may never love anyone again the way he loved Rosen's son. Molossi was the irritated, unfeeling new lover. (Playwright Pintauro advises that the play was originally about a confrontation over a too-early re-marriage following the death of an orthodox Jew's daughter. When he changed the daughter into a man who died of AIDS, a whole new play emerged.)

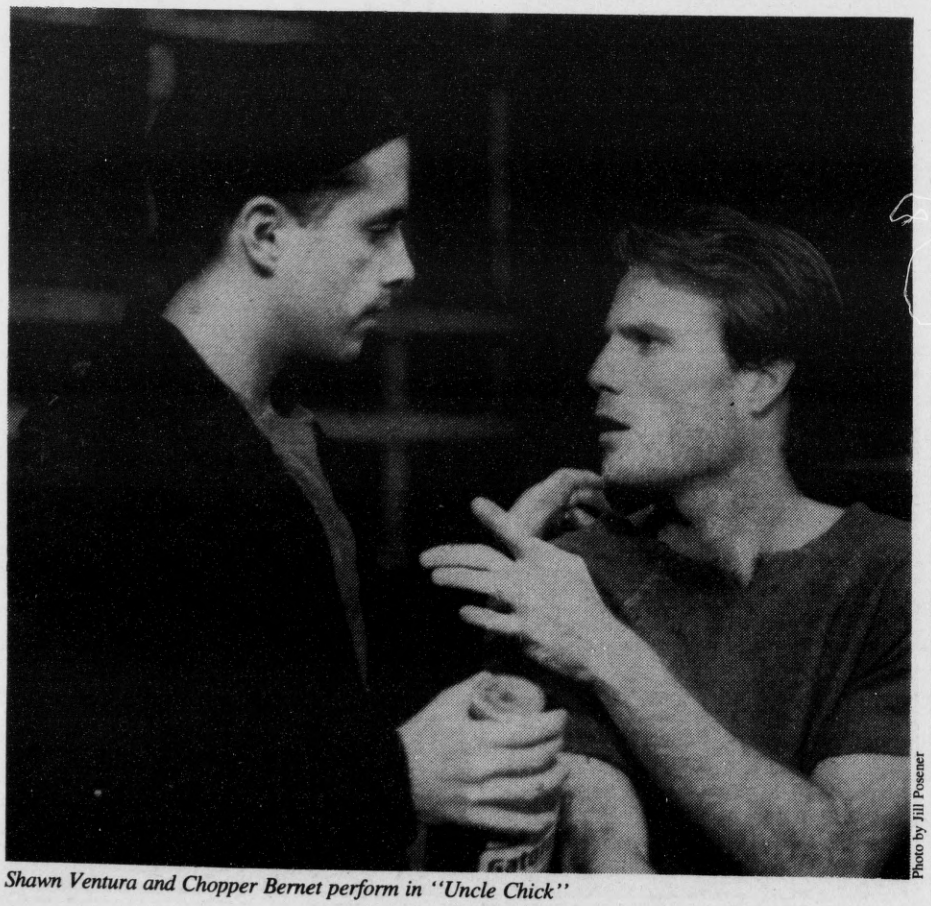


Photo by Jill Posener

Shawn Ventura and Chopper Bernet perform in "Uncle Chick"



Raul Julia in "Man of La Mancha"

Rex, an all-out satire on domestic queens into Eastern philosophy, saving the earth and vegetarianism, discovers Tribeca lovers John (Molossi) and Eric (Ventura) about to sit down to John's impeccably set dinner. It's kitchy-koo *ad nauseum* until Eric discovers the main dish contains meat. Lover/chef John pleads that it's not really meat, it's a pheasant he ran over in the Mercedes while coming in from Southampton. After rushing the bird to the vet to watch it expire, he purchased a casket (made of biodegradable pressed oatmeal), brought the carcass home, and dressed and cooked it in a superb sauce of olive oil, sesame seeds and other goodies. The bird, christened Rex by John, is pronounced delicious. But after one bite each, the errant Buddhists dump Rex into the casket and take him away. John warns Eric that no matter *how much wine* they may drink at some *future* dinner party, the affair of Rex is *never* to be mentioned.

Hilarious and outrageous, *Rex* reveals two New Age queens at their stereotypical worst. If this play were presented at a straight theater or on television, there would be mass protests, effigies burned, products boycotted. Does being politically correct mean we can't laugh at burlesques of our own lifestyles? Or does that rule only apply to straights?

Kudos to Theatre Rhino for a fine evening of wide-ranging theater. The one-set-serves-all was by Matthew Antaky; costumes by Brooke Stanton; lighting by Lindy Reiman; sound by Adam Liberman; and the movement coaching by Anne Bluethenthal. And more kudos to director Prandini and her fine actors.

Wild Blue plays Wednesdays through Sundays at 8 pm through Feb. 15. Sunday matinees at 3 pm on 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, and early Saturday performances at 5 pm on 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8. Call 861-5079 for reservations and time confirmations.

Man of La Mancha

Tilting at critics and trailing the swelling horde of an adoring public, Don Quixote de la Mancha is riding hellbent for Broadway. This 25th-year anniversary production is a direct copy of the 1965 original that ran for 2,328 performances. And who better suited to play the Knight of the Woeful Countenance than Raul Julia, the 6-foot-2 film idol with the wide, soulful eyes. Julia has the stature, the presence, and sufficient confidence in his maleness to let a gentleness reveal itself in the chinks of his macho armor.

Not surprisingly, the musical itself is creakily dated, a series of musical set pieces, some of which seem arbitrarily added to fit a musical comedy formula. (The confrontation with the Moorish thieves and the belly dancer, for instance, is a vulgar and intrusive bit of burlesque.)

As a play with music, author Dale Wasserman's concept is clever and workable. Cervantes, a civil servant, has been tossed into prison with his lackey, Sancho, and is awaiting an appearance before the Inquisition. In a mock trial conducted by his fellow prisoners, author Cervantes begins to tell and act out the tale of his hero, Don Quixote, the half-mad but innocent visionary who sets out on a quest to rid Spain of its social ills.

Splintering his lance on his first lunge at a dreaded ogre with four arms—which magically turns itself into a windmill at the last moment—the bedraggled Quixote is hauled off to an inn where he mistakes the rough innkeeper as the lord of a castle. He is also immediately enchanted by the sluttish Aldonza, whom he rechristens a lady, Dulcinea, benefactress of his future good deeds.

Aldonza is played by recording star and Grammy-winner Sheena Easton in her theatrical debut. While the petite Ms. Easton has a lovely soprano, she markedly fails to suggest the lusty whorishness called for in Aldonza. Oddly enough, she exhibited an agile physicality in the muleteers' gang rape ballet, but when called upon to walk across the stage, she gives an impression of counting her steps. Now and then a decided brogue crept into her dialogue which sent me at first opportunity (there is no intermission in this two-hour show) to her biography. She is indeed a graduate of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama. Perhaps a pre-Broadway dialogue coach might be in order.

Is there a soul alive who cannot hum "The Impossible Dream?" Is there a cabaret singer over 30 who has not writhed through Aldonza's defiant lyrics about being born on a dung heap?

Of the 20-some musical numbers, most are serviceable to the action. "Man of La Mancha," of course, is the major theme that rises like thunder from the overture and "Dulcinea" is the enduring love ballad. "Aldonza," the fiery confession calling for an all-out vocal attack, failed to light the fires of soprano Easton's passion. (On the other hand, I think she might be sensational as the innocent Irish lass in *Finian's Rainbow*.)

Tony Martinez delivered a fine performance as a buffoonish Sancho—written for comic relief rather than as a caretaking servant. (Quixote: "Sweet maiden, what wilt thou?" Sancho, with a leer: "I think I know what she wilt.")

Before the final strains of the closing reprise of "Impossible Dream" have faded, the audience was on its feet, cheering. The woman on my left was happily crying. Perhaps this version, too, will run for 2,328 performances.

Man of La Mancha continues at the Orpheum Theatre through Feb. 2. Call 762-BASS or stop by the Orpheum or Curran Theatre box offices.

CABARET

BY GENE PRICE

Sharon Sings in '92 At Kassman's

Following their post-Christmas gig at Hollywood's Cinegrill, Sharon McNight and accompanist James Followell flew in for two New Year's Eve shows at Russel Kassman's. I won't call Kassman's third floor concert salon a "cabaret" because that word sends the police, fire and health departments into tizzies of busybodiness, but it's a handsome, intimate room for occasional concerts. The acoustics are fine, the piano is a $93,000 Bechstein, and all the space really needs is a couple of spots and a couple of gels. Let's hope Kassman sees fit to showcase some local talents on a continuing basis. But a further word of advice: Get somebody on the door who can collect the cover and keep the line moving (three minutes per transaction per couple is not the way to make friends of customers waiting outside in the cold).

Looking good and in fine fettle, the purple-beaded Ms. McNight made her entrance warbling "Chloe." Promising a little of this and a little of that, she sang "In Care of the Blues" and "I Only Wanna Laugh." (Julie Wilson's version of the latter had turned me off the song, but Sharon's turned me on again.) For an old romantic standard she sang Berlin's "How Deep Is the Ocean," and then switched vocal gears for Willard Beckham's "Blue Jeans Blue," the CW number she sang in last summer's tryout musical, *Mr. Lucky*.

Her own composition and a longtime crowd favorite, "Put a Nickel in the Jukebox," brought back memories of long-gone New Year's Eves in long-gone cabarets. An obliging audience lent some vocal support on Sharon's rendition of the lovely hula hands number, "Princess Poo-Pooly." She sang Craig Carnelia's biting satire, "Just a Housewife," with the requisite attitude of resignation, and while it may make a pertinent statement, it's not my favorite of this composer's output.

Randy Newman's "Guilty" brought out Sharon at the top of her form, total vocal and emotional commitment. "We'll Take a Glass Together," the toasting song from Grand Hotel, brought the Old Year to a close. Considerable foot stomping ensured a round of encores that, of course, included "Sweet and Shining Eyes" and the tear-jerker "I've Loved These Days."

She'll be back in the spring to introduce and sing songs from her new album.

A Christmas Treat

In the recent holiday rush, a number of year-end musical events fell between my typewriter keys. Here's one that deserves mention. For the 18th consecutive year, A.C.T. has presented a variety show for seniors, *A Christmas Treat*. This past holiday season, about 1,800 seniors attended an afternoon of song and comedy and sing-along carols at the Orpheum Theatre. Cookies, baked by the Friends of A.C.T., students and staff, were distributed during intermission.

Director of A.C.T.'s Conservatory programs, John Loschmann, produced the event, which was emceed by Brian Lohmann (sometimes known as that tortured torch singer Johnny Lonely) and his sidekick Brad DePlanche. Underwhelmed by the Christmas spirit, Lohmann's character, a Scrooge-like Mr. Sorbet, made a unique and refreshing ringmaster.

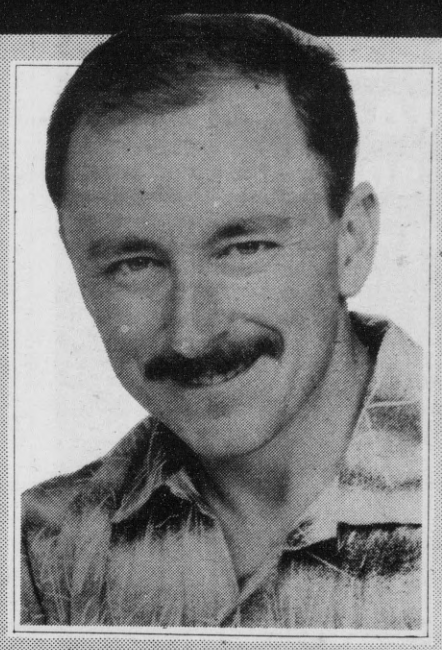
Since there was no printed program, I can only report that there was a fire-eating tap dancer, a tree-decorating tumbling act, a trio of sexy Santas who sang "Santa Baby," and a chorus of second year students who sang "Day by Day," who were then joined by first year students for "All Good Gifts."

Greg Watt soloed on "White Christmas," and Barry Lloyd and Richard Butterfield sang "Agony," the princes' duet from *Into the Woods*—nicely done, but perhaps puzzling to this audience. Chanel Shaffer sang "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," Jennifer Woo sang "Never, Never Land" to some children and animal-suited students.

The irascible Mr. Sorbet thawed bit by bit and was observed at the show's finale raising his voice with the entire company in a rousing "Hallelujah Chorus" under the vocal direction of Edward Sayegh.

Pianists Donald Wescoat and Scott Cady (*SF Bay Times*' jazz critic) traded off accompanist duties. Good time had by all. Nice job, A.C.T.

Danny Williams Tells All



The more we learn about the early life of writers, musicians, singers and actors, the more we realize there are a lot of common factors contributing to the creative personality and its need to share. "Danny Williams' 1970" wraps it up.

Five-time winner of the gay community's Entertainer of the Year, three-time winner of the Council on Entertainment's Outstanding Male Comic, Danny Williams has arrived at his own adult and adjusted persona from a youth fragmented by loneliness, sexual confusion, rejection, enforced therapy in an institution, and hustling on Polk Street. That persona is dedicated to creating humor from the chaos of his past and the foibles of his present.

It's a story Danny felt needed telling, perhaps to lay some of his own ghosts to rest, perhaps to set an example for some younger people who may have endured similar growing-up traumas. He tells it with sparse staging: a chair, a change of shirt, pair of socks and a series of "vaudeville" placards. We caught an early preview, a standing-room only benefit for Project Inform.

"Danny, 1970, age 19." To the bleat of "Hey, Big Spender," Danny stuffs a pair of wool athletic socks in his crotch and shoots his pelvis out to the passing Polk Street johns. Then it's flashback to 1964, Phoenix, age 12. The music is "Baby Doll," but the pervading home aura is religious fundamentalism. His mother is at the bathroom door. "What are you doing in there, and if you don't hurry up we'll be late for church." Asked by the pastor's son to help out in the sound booth, Danny is initiated into sex during the service. Next Sunday he's dressed and ready.

Flash forward to 1970, Arizona State University, age 18... the days of pot and LSD. Innocent and trusting, Danny comes out to his roommate. He is repulsed. Danny comes out to his best girlfriend. She is repulsed. Underage, he sneaks into his first after-hours gay bar at 11 pm. Empty, dismal, except for two lesbians. That's a *first*! Danny comes out to his parents. Big mistake. Next thing he knows, he's on a psychiatrist's couch and shortly thereafter he's in the local loony bin, where "life inside is much like life outside... sit around all day on drugs and watch TV." Maleness therapy consisted mostly of learning how to belch and scratch his crotch.

Our hero escapes to San Francisco. It's 1970 and Polk Street. After a year of pay-for-play in sundry hotel rooms (and once raped at knife point), Danny realized it was time to straighten up his act. Vocational rehabilitation at Baker Places put him in touch with a social services worker who came up with his concept of a perfect future: first college, than a career as a medical technician at U.C. Then Danny came up with his own concept.

"After all you've been through, how could you possibly want to be a comedian?" the social worker asked.

"I can't possibly imagine why," Danny answered.

"Danny Williams' 1970" is performed at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint, Thursdays through Sundays at 8 pm, through Jan. 26, with additional 10 pm shows on Jan. 17 and 24. For reservations call 861-7933.

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WELCOME TO ME

BY GGREG DEBORAH TAYLOR, O.S.

Somehow Susie Bright not only managed to get in



wearing sassy, strappy girl duds, but also started a vicious brawl with the bride-to-be



Photo by Marc Geller

Communion of souls or money laundering scam? Elvis Herselvis and JUSTIN BOND exchange vows at Klubstitute.

Balls, Brawls and Barbecues

Usually the winter months create a lull in Disco Fantasyland where the overstuffed hoards stay home. But this year looks like it is going to buck the trend of rainy season blahs, providing those plugged into the scene with ample opportunities for feverish revelry.

Club Uranus broke through the doldrums, kicking off the new year with the best party **Mike&Lewis** have thrown in ages. The gawkers who have changed the club from a playground into a spectacle paid $25 or more per head to be with the other suburban trade elsewhere, leaving the club a free run for the regulars of the underground Who's Who.

Of course it didn't hurt that everyone was flying on drugs, which from what I can gather, was not any different from any other party.

I can't imagine what the rave du jour, **Toon Town**, was like that evening, with attendance estimated by some as high as 8,000. Imagine going to a club where tour buses are pulling up with party-goers.

New Year's morning the End Up was invaded by the badly behaved hetero drug rabble from Toon Town and elsewhere. Drugs take practice, and I hate amateurs. Why should we have to deal with gushing hets who are experiencing another rush from their fourth hit of X?

IT'S A DUDES ONLY WORLD

"Join us to honor and commiserate brother Herselvis' last night of freedom with a rockin' STAG PARTY" read the flyer for the invitation-only, super exclusive, "Studs Only," last-night-of-freedom party for *subcultural icon* **Elvis Herselvis**.

The super-hyped event o' the season, the wedding of **Elvis Herselvis** (Leigh Crow) to **Glammy Sue Rampage** (JUSTIN BOND) at Klubstitute commenced early with a phenomenal wedding's eve '50s-styled fete. Complete with period 8mm tata-filled stag films, the event reeled with the twirled complexity that only this crew can maintain.

Reversing the tradition of babes-only drag spaces, the party was filled with mustache-sporting lesbians in suits slapping each other on the back in mock ritualization of male bonding.

Entertainment was slick, and in addition to film loops, Elvis flicks and duets by **Flynn** and **Miss(ter) X** and **Timmy Spence**, **Pearl E. Gates** popped out of a cake to sing her hit from The Tubes, *Don't Touch Me There*, to the bride-groom-to-be.

Though the invitation specifically stated femmes and fluffs would not be admitted to the dudes-only space, somehow **Susie Bright** not only managed to get in wearing sassy, strappy girl duds, but also started a vicious brawl with the bride-to-be, causing the party-goers to scramble for cover as cartooned fisticuffs were engaged, and accusations flew from the spying Glam's quivering lips. Oh how I do so love a good party.

WEDDING SETTING THE TONE

Spilling over into the next evening, Klubstitute rocked harder than it ever had before, packed to the rafters with well-wishers and revelers for the wedding of the decade. Elizabeth Taylor never had it so sweet.

Earth Mother cartoonist extraordinaire **Kris Kovich** officiated the ceremony, delivering a fierce speech:

> There are at least three good reasons to marry homosexuals of the opposite sex.
>
> 1. Immigration. There is a growing international movement to imprison, torture, and execute gays and lesbians. And there are only a few countries where it is not a crime to be a homosexual. San Francisco is still one of those countries. Therefore it behooves us to consider marriage as a form of amnesty, as a queer sanctuary, and we are the Quasi Mottos of Radical Heterosexuality.
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> 2. The second good reason to marry is *insurance*. We are in the middle of a health care nightmare. Since 1981, 180,000 people in the United States have died from AIDS, two-and-a-half times the number of American casualties from the Vietnam War. In the last ten years our government has spent more money on Legionnaires Disease, that claimed 28 lives, than on AIDS. If any of us has health insurance that we can share with a legal spouse, this is a good and wonderful reason to marry someone of the opposite sex that we care about.
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> 3. And the third good reason is *publicity*—to make people aware that as gays and lesbians we cannot marry the ones we love and legally share our benefits. Under the penal codes of this state and nation we cannot marry our friends, either, and morally share our rights and benefits. If we do, we are guilty of fraud and we can go to prison. The culture that elects

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Helms and Dannemeyer says we cannot marry our lovers *or* our friends. We cannot create families, build community, hold jobs, kiss in public, fuck in private, and help each other survive in these unholiest of times.

Well I don't care what mama don't allow.
I'm going to marry these queers anyhow.

As Rev. Kovich declared them King and Kaween, Glam and Herselvis exchanged cock rings cementing their bond.

I have my suspicions, however, that the whole to-do was nothing but a gift scam or money laundering scheme after seeing the avalanche of boomerang ashtrays and tumbler sets which poured into the happy couple's lives.

"Oh look honey, another coaster set," cooed JUSTIN BOND to her sweetie, dropping the present into the growing heap of gifts given by their extended family and cavalcade of fans.

PERFORMANCE ART BBQ

Upcoming events don't look dull either. **God's Girlfriend Bridgette**'s upcoming party in Redwood City, currently titled ***Confirming The Neighbor's Fears***, should be a whopper. Described as a "performance art barbecue," the seven-foot transvestite dominatrix is hostessing a (front) lawn party in the 'burbs for her eccentric comrades.



Photo by Marc Geller

Rev. Kovick (right) after the service

Originally **Danielle Willis**, Bridgette's girlfriend had planned to roast the same chicken over a barbecue on the front lawn for a period of days, bedecked in traditional death rock chic, however, the idea has blossomed into a much larger party not to be missed.

Pass the potato salad.

In an entirely different realm of existence, Colossus is celebrating its second anniversary Saturday, Jan. 25, featuring Kym Sims (singer of *Too Blind to See It*).

At Klubstitute the same night, the Sick and Twisted Players are celebrating their one year anniversary of performance with a repeat of their first production, *The Poseidon Adventure*.

The next day, Sunday, Jan. 26, Club Uranus will feature ***Crisco Twister***: go-go boys competing for prizes and fame on a Crisco-covered Twister board. Good clean fun for the whole family.

Uranus has been picking up steam again of late, especially after their fab New Year's gathering. Watching Gravity's house head zombie techno diva **Randy Webb** dancing maniacally with his visiting **Mom** from Tennessee to his band's hit single last weekend reminded me how much I love my friends and value our community.

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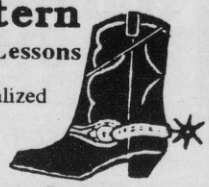
■ WORKSHOPS/CLASSES

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I'm looking for an attractive, tall & stylish Jewish woman (30+) to date, to dance, to schmooze and to smile with in 1992. Are you light-hearted, strong, intelligent, compassionate, comical, self-aware, romantic and hot? You're in for wonderful, fun surprises. I'm a gentle, passionate woman of many interests—artist, cook, rebel, teacher and daring lover of life. Funny Polaroid encouraged. PO Box 460848, SF 94146 or call ★★5299.

Feliz Ano Nuevo!

Quite sophisticated, feisty, 40+, independent, dyke of color; East Bay homeowner, I enjoy my work, friendships and political activism. Now it's time for filling my life with slow dancing, jazz clubs, a bellyful of laughter, weekend getaways (no campers, pls.), exploring my native Mexico, a joyful partnership and oh yea... passionate, compassionate lovemaking. No alcohol, smoke, kitties. If you are ready for an emotional and sensual connection, please, reply BT Box JA3B or call ★★5300.

Hey You...

Stinkel?! I love you from the ground up to the sky and aroundy, aroundy. Happy Anniversary! Luv The Bug!

Only the Lonely

should read this ad. I am a GWF leading a full life except in the romance dept. I would like to meet a GWF 35-50, looks & acts straight, nice features, avg. wt. & ht. Likes outdoor activities, beach vacations & weekend getaways, evenings at home listening to music or watching the tube, dining in & out, is versatile, caring & compassionate, likes tennis or bowling or softball, makes a good living & likes to live well. Friends first, let's date & see what happens. 2261 Market St., #108, SF 94114 or call ★★5301.

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Quality Seeking Quality

Are you intelligent, attractive, feminine, humored, financially and emotionally stable and fun? Me, too! I'm a slender 30-year-old, successful, well-educated professional with a wide circle of friends (including men), but still looking for someone special. Shared interests might include nature & the outdoors, symphonies, decent restaurants, economic discussions, skiing, discretion, quiet times, roller coasters and a balanced life. Are you the equal I've been seeking? Take the time to write, PO Box 471622, SF 94147.

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Looking for You

I'm 5'5", 27 and butch of center. I don't smoke or do drugs, but enjoy life anyhow. I've got a serious air, but it doesn't take much to make me laugh. I'd like to meet a femme of center gal around my height and age who keeps fit physically and intellectually. Let's get together for some movies, food and laughs on the Peninsula. Take a chance. Call ★★5314.

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Yours and mine. Let's take the Concorde and blow this place. Or just go to Concord and save some face. Either way I gotta get outa this place. Seattle's too tame. New York's a game. Some people think what I need is a dame. So drop me a line, save me a dime. We could get together and commiserate sometime. About our lost youth in townhouse or slum. I'd huddle with you in the blitz that's to come. Tis a far, far better thing that I do than to do without you. So answer this ad babe and I'll be glad. Box 55, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★5317.

I'm Beginning to Sound Like Mo Before She Met Harriet

So it's time to meet some nice women. I've got great diplomas and great professional goals... but my passionate are dancing, writing, reading, cooking, matinees and music (Ellington to diVinyls). Let's get lost on the dance floor if you're impulsive but grounded, happy as a person but dismayed as a citizen of the United States in 1992, high on life (only!), over your ex (really!), and most of all, compassionate and self-respecting. I'm 25, small, attractive, with brown hair and big brown eyes. No one can describe or predict chemistry, but I can't resist slim, blue-eyed, boyish butches with DMs and an attitude on the outside, a sharp mind and a heart of gold on the inside, and a gentle touch all around. Reply BT Box JA5B.

Dykes Only

Looking to date, not interested in marriage. Prefer working class or at least class awareness. No age or size restrictions. My top ten list: animals, dining out, osento, reggae, dog shows, museums, modern primitives, toys, video games, art. Extra bonus points if you are of color and or butch bottom. Absolutely no heavy drinkers, Christians, small minds, glamour dykes or erotic dancers. Call ★★5318.

Tie Me Up

but don't tie me down. Unless you have all the right stuff. I'm strong, ambitious, educated, interesting, and adventurous. Enjoy sports as much as being a couch potato; cultural events or playing pool. If you're around 30, I'd like to hear from you. Don't care if you drink, smoke or breed rats, as long as you're cool and open-minded. Call now! I love getting messages. Call ★★5319.

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Sincerely

Blond, blue/green-eyed 41-year-old bi woman seeking bi-friendly lesbian or bi woman, 40ish, for friendship and possible sweetness. I am strong, honest, caring, physically healthy, soft and androgynous. I am 5'6½". Semi-vegetarian. I love my lattes and healthy, nurturing food. I let myself go for awhile, but I'm now spending time at the gym. I'm not fat but I am overweight. I love to laugh and I wish I could cry more. I live in Sonoma County. No cigarettes, drinking (lite wine OK) or drugs (occasional toke perhaps). No perfumes or heavy make-up. No affirmationists (is that a word?), 12-steppers or born-agains. Be grounded in your own spirituality and healing (we are All healing something!). Know your boundaries and be sensitive to others'. Intense conversation makes me a little nervous. Don't care to discuss politics or feminism. I care about this earth, the animals and our children's future. I get very angry when people do stupid things. I wonder how we manage to co-exist. This all sounds very serious, I know. I have a light and fun side, too, but it needs gentle nudging. There is an extremely creative, passionate woman inside me who has been so afraid to reveal herself. Maybe she will for you. There's so much more! Sincere only need respond, please. Reply BT Box JA7B or call ★★5321.

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Bingo? Horse races? Lotto? Want a sure bet? Charming, attractive 30-yr.-old available for hysterical moments, outdoor activities, weekend adventures and romance. Disclaimer: I only dress up for work. Call ★★5322.

Friend or Faux?

Can't relate to the "get-a-girl" trend, not interested in BACW, but still want a girlfriend! Art lover, 37, playful, attractive, passionate, creative, friendly, EB native, early childhood upbringing similar to Addams Family—seeking romance with another like-minded rare exception. Am fond of down-to-earth femmy gregarious types with heart on sleeve and sense of humor everywhere else. I love: weird eclectic modern sculpture, movies (esp. murder mysteries), meditation, the Zen of everything, bookstores, kids, small dogs, obscure science trivia, Pictionary, music, nature, hiking and UFOs. If any of this interests you and you think you're sane and the world is not, perhaps you're just the kind of woman I've been looking for. Dimensions of body and bank account less important than ability to get a good laugh. But please—no smokers, instant mergers or fanatics. Call ★★5323.

It Is Said

that I could shave my head and still look gorgeous (but I can't because I'm striving for the Jodie Foster look). Let's come home together after my day of caring for children and yours (...) to share mundane pleasures. We enjoy reading Z Magazine, speaking Spanish, and recycling everything possible—even our latex. When we both want sex, we'll have it. I seek intimacy, (which to me starts with listening and being listened to), and I display thoughtfulness, caring and creativity in pursuing it. Reply BT Box JA8B.

Oaktownbutchfemme

Cynicalintensecommunicativesilly uncategorizable photographer. (is it possible to convey complicity through this two dimensional ad?) I get lost in reading, dancing, Jeanette Winterson, Ntozake Shange, Ray Bradbury, children's books—grew up on hip hop in new york city: the island. ska music is a passion. I love to cook and kiss. No tobacco mouths or birkenstocks. (early 20s) I love being visible and trying illegal politicopersonal things... late night talks and biting under the covers. Please don't be shy. Reply BT Box JA9B or call ★★5324.

Gorgeous Brunette Femme

GWF, 5'6", slender, green/brown eyes, n/s, clean/sober 10 years, 30s, active, fit, educated, adventurous, fun, thrill seeker, risk taker, nudist, snow-ski, bicycle, run, hike, dance, movies, explore city, roller coasters, walk Golden Gate, sail, Thai food, sushi, affectionate, loving, happy, spiritual, love kissing, cuddling, massage, long sex-filled mornings (& evenings), want longterm friendship, romance/playmate, photo appreciated. PO Box 160164, Cupertino 95016.

I'm For Real

Christian white female seeks loving friendship/relationship. Must be local woman, S.J. or Sunnyvale. I'm 40, stable, not looking for any certain age or size, just an honest person. No drugs or drinking. I like movies, skiing, camping, cooking. Let's meet! I'll cook you dinner and we'll get to know each other. Must be a Christian and like church! PO Box 2918, Sunnyvale 94087 Call ★★5326.

New Girl in Town

I want to go out more, play more, meet more lesbians! My interests include the arts (visual performance, music, movies), the outdoors (hiking, mtn. biking, rafting, camping, x-cntry skiing), and cultural/racial/ethnic diversity. I am 39, Italian-American lesbian, friendly, open, communicative, good listener, interesting & fun. I am both social/private and love to dance. Seeking friendships but am open to more. Call ★★5327.

Platonic Intimacy First

I'm 47, working on my spirituality. Like books, music, theater, writing, learning and much more. Love the ocean. English/Spanish speaking. Raised bi-culturally in SF. Want to develop friendships with lesbians 43 + who understand that intimacy must exist before sex. Your size/color not important. Honesty, sensitivity, patience and personal growth is. You enjoy cuddling, holding hands and quiet times. Let's exchange letters before we speak/meet. Nonsmokers please. Reply BT Box JA10B or call ★★5328.

Punk Dyke Top

I want submissives who genuinely appreciate what I have to offer. And are willing to show it. Sincere devotion while in scene is a must. I'm a bittersweet sadist who'll soothe your beautiful bruised body while I whisper cruel threats of the torture I have in mind for the next time we play together. I'm into genderfucking, fucking your cunt, and having my body worshipped while I fuck myself in the ass. I'm not into apathetic or bossy bottoms, dykedrama, or melodramatic goodbyes. Butch and femme bottoms of any gender and range of S/M experience are welcome to reply. Reply BT Box JA11B or call ★★5329.

East Bay Friends

Late 40s woman wanting to meet friends, 40 +, who love walking, bird and flower watching, writing, gardening (possible share of a spring garden). Very interested in networking with older women who think about moving to smaller communities in California. Let's share ideas and resources that would help in that process: including ideas about ideal community, housing, developing new ways to work, environmental issues, retirement and community land. Reply BT Box JA12B or call ★★5330.

Distraction Needed

for wild and wicked fun. Seeking creative & imaginative women who like to play and are not afraid to explore all of the possibilities. Reply BT Box JA13B.

Free Spirit

I'm 38, Italian-Irish, 5'1", short dark brown hair, dark brown eyes, very mellow. Looking for friends as well as a lover. I'm working full time in the travel industry and going to school nights. Weekends free. My interests are movies, music, long walks, comedy, coffee houses, the outdoors, massage, hot tubs and travel. Please respond if we have shared interests. Reply BT Box JA14B or call ★★5331.

Brideshead Revisited

I need a baroness to put me in my place. Haven't been to Oxford but it's left its trace. I missed Agincourt but I'm looking for a happy few. Let's jump the QEII and bid this all adieu. I'd like to rock the ship with you. We'll light a flame the knights could see from their tomb. For you in my house there's always room. Box 55, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★5332.

D-A-T-I-N-G

A new concept? Let's try it. Let's laugh and enjoy each other's similarities and differences. Looking for romance but value friendship. Me, 35, attractive, professional and ready to take risks. Enjoy bicycling, hiking, theater, beach walks/city walks, good conversation, lattes, spicy food, chocolate, flowers, flirting, laughing, eye contact, hand holding, honesty, loyalty and intensity. You, comfortable with who you are and where you are at. Call ★★5333.

A Calling for You

Attractive, intelligent, educated, healthy, 29-year-old woman with varied interests and experiences seeks feminine, attractive and loving woman between 25-35 with which to build a growing relationship. Let's explore depths to intimacy, passion, personal and spiritual selves. Honesty a must on this journey together. Reply BT Box JA15B or call ★★5334.

Come to Bed With Me

Very cute femme dyke who loves sex looking for women to thrill me in bed. Bring your toys, if you have them, or just an active imagination and let's play! Public places are great fun. Your place, too. No commitments, just lots of adventures. Teach me something new. I'll try (almost) anything once. Call ★★5335.

Dirty Girl

C. you tattoos, butch, willing bottom body—for me on the 25th come dressed—leather, jeans, boots—wipe that smile off & leave that smart mouth at the door.... Come willing to kneel totally to my desires... immediately. I, tall, femme—S—into leather & lace. Bring a gift—a story in an envelope—open parts of yourself to me. I'm firm—You can firm. Call ★★5336.

Ham on Wry to Go

Funny, feminist, forty-four/teacher, writer with theatrical core/Jewish, attractive, not large but not small/—femmy butch, butchy femme?—I'm neither and all/Seeks savory lesbian for takeout delight/mature, warm, affectionate, kind and polite/For theater and movies, plays or Roseanne/dinner and dancing or just holding hands (aw shucks)/Creative, intelligent, sexual and funny/available dependable, no hangups with money/Nonsmoker, non-drinker, non-negative thinker/Monogamous, intimate, emotionally stable/self-supporting, likes cavorting, maybe has cable?/ Artistically inspired, spiritually divine/ Um—will you be my Valentine? Reply BT Box JA16B or call ★★5337.

Busco Una Mujer

By Hispanic gay woman. I'm 5'6", 128#, 37 y.o., butchy/femme, attractive, well-established. You are feminine, sexy, speak Spanish, 23-40 y.o. You love parties, good friends, good times, good food, family, children, and are independent. Si buscas un amor para siempre, tu eres para mi. Call ★★5338.

Mutual Support

Adjusting to physical disability is a difficult process. Mutual support can be a source of great strength. This partially disabled, financially semi-stable lesbian would like to meet others for friendship, maybe more. Let's share our experiences, challenges, triumphs, tears. I'm 41, self-employed. I like gentle walks, dinners at home, inexpensive entertainment, occasional country-western dancing, lesbian events, bodywork and warm hugs. Please reply BT Box JA17B or call ★★5339.

Unforgettable...

That's what my ideal woman is. Exceptionally beautiful, stunning, sensual, feminine and fit. Her personality: independent, passionate, aggressive and confident, yet sensitive and attitude-free. She possesses a dangerously fun, sarcastic wit, that would rival Murphy Brown, and is extremely intelligent, articulate and addicted to stimulating conversation. Visually, her style comprises a cross somewhere between Esprit & Vogue. She uncompromisingly believes in and practices self-awareness, communication & honesty, and truly desires a monogamous relationship based on friendship. Lastly, she is a GSF, 25-36, who refrains from abusing cigarettes, heavy drinking, drugs or therapy. I am a GSWF who offers all this and more. If you do also... Call ★★5340.

The Worst of It

Moody, sometimes cranky, hopelessly intellectual academic type. Brings books on dates, (currently "Totem and Taboo" and "Bleak House"). Self-absorbed. Offensively candid. Ceaselessly ironic. Said to dress like somebody who got their L.L. Bean order mixed up but wore it anyway. Trim, but has bad posture. Mathematically retarded. Leaves heat on. No knack for making money. Has been known to eat boxed macaroni and cheese with sauteed wiener slices. Compulsive user/abuser Q-tips. Noisomely effusive in dialogue. So open one with your best, worst or offensively candid commentary. Reply BT Box JA18B or call ★★5341.

Partially disabled clean & sober Black lesbian (more butch than femme) in early 30s, looking for others, whoever they may be. I like comedy.

Dykes To Watch Out For



animals, talkshows, working out, window shopping, music, movies & good friends. If interested Call ★★5342.

Worth the Risk
Seeking a unique woman for a rare, challenging relationship with a 30s, very attractive, successful and femme woman. I'm balanced with many paradoxes: I'm wise yet naive; strong yet gentle; independent yet vulnerable; demanding and challenging yet supportive and loving; responsible yet very playful. In the meantime, I'm open to new companions to join me in my happy and active physical life: bicycling, gymming, skiing, shopping and dancing. Call ★★5343.

Planning Ahead to Avoid The Ravages of Spring Fever
37 y.o. mother, social worker, skydiver, stiltwalker, swimmer looking for someone with her feet on the ground, and her head above water. Ultimately seeking sensible, irreverent girlfriend to call my own. Appreciate wit, artistic proclivities, and social/spiritual awareness minus the dogma. Reply BT Box JA19B.

Friendship
Just moved to the city and looking to meet new friends. I'm a thinker, people-watcher, wild and soulful dancer, backpacker, spiritual cynic. I value self-awareness and good communication (but 12-stepping and inner children bug me), social justice & zest for life. I'm 23, irreverent, wacky, intense, terminally honest, opinionated but flexible, schmoozy, Jewish and clearly better with adjectives and nouns than verbs. Interested? So call already! Call ★★5344.

Living in Interesting Times
Scary intellectual, 36, looking for great conversation and cheap fun in a recession. Voraciously curious but partial to Zydeco, social theory, baseball and cemeteries. You might be well-read, born before JFK was shot, and only neurotic enough to be interesting. If you can't waltz, I'll teach you. Maybe there's something you can teach me. Points for the verbally adept. Reply BT Box JA20B or call ★★5345.

Women, Where the Hell Are You!!!
I've been looking high and low and to my amazement I can't find a woman of simplicity and intelligence looking for an uncomplicated, mature woman, self-assured of who you are and financially independent. 30ish on. Race unimportant, weight 250 or under, well-built, soft butch. Call ★★5346.

Bi
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Boy Seeks Girl
interested in parenting/marriage: 36, healthy, handsome; responsible; independent, emotionally and financially stable, gay-identified, enjoy cafes, bookstores, thrift stores, looking for female—independent, attractive, healthy, financially stable. Are you as weary as me of restrictive role expectations, labels, borrowed rituals? Let's define another type of relationship. What do you want? What can you give? What do you need? PO Box 421557, SF 94102 or call ★★5371.

Bisexual? I Am and Can't Change It.
Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a friend, confidante and lover you can be totally free with? Someone who can understand all your needs and not discount or put them down as being weird. Someone to form a close loving relationship with and maybe start a family. I believe it's possible and would like to dedicate 1992 to find this special someone. People like us should be able to enjoy all that life has to offer, don't you think? I am a traditional-valued, sensitive, arty, creative kind of guy. I love all forms of couple dancing. I am told to be well-proportioned, 5'8", 155#, 38 years. How about a call? Call ★★5372.

Straight/Bisexual Men
Are you between 20-50, extremely good looking, very masculine and hung like a horse and wonder what it's like to get head from a 30-year-old, masculine, good looking stud who is convinced it will be far better than any woman can give. Write w/photo, Boxholder, 350 Laguna St. #16, SF 94102 or call ★★5373.

Stylish Female-to-Queer Male Trans
Pre-op, 29, avant-garde, courteous gentleman, funny, vegetarian, artist/writer, bodybuilder seeks man who is sensual, graceful, effeminate. FTM or non-transsexual welcomed. We're both: HIV-, career-oriented, affectionate, nurturing, sharp-minded, adventurous. No drugs/booze/pot/tobacco. Prefer (not essential): long dark hair (well groomed only!), under 5'7", muscular, dark eyes. No bigots. No respondents who can't read personals thoroughly! Call ★★5374.

Seeking Ms. Demeanor
Femme-Male, tall, slender, long dark hair, 27 years old, beautiful, desires femme 25-33 for relationship. Know what you want, how to strap one on, and have S&M experience. Other interests include underground rock scene and science fiction. Note/photo, 1800 Market St., #69A, SF 94102 or call ★★5375.

Hair (Shoulder Length or Longer)
I've always been turned on by guys with long hair (especially at Grateful Dead concerts). I'm a thirty-something, longhaired, bi-friendly GM who desires to meet other longhairs for warm, intimate friendships. Enjoy live music, dancing, erotic videos, movies, A's baseball, Sharks hockey and quiet evenings at home. Call ★★5376.

The Alternative
Fine as a man, gorgeous as a woman. Asian, 25 yrs. old, part-time TV, would like to meet Caucasian men, 25 and older, for constant dating, who's kind, thoughtful and serious in building something beyond friendship. Willing to accept my two identities of a man and a woman. Obsessed in becoming a woman, I've mastered the art of it. Be my Valentine. Call ★★5377.

Roissy Academy
Accepting only the most intelligent, mature, imaginative, strong, sophisticated and self-confident women. Background understanding helpful. Experience not required. Curiosity a must. Non-exclusive, PO Box 3902, San Rafael 94912 or call ★★5378.

Looking for a Friend(s) First
Tall handsome B/Bi/M, 30, HIV-. Wishes to talk and explore. You Bi/F or Bi/M any race, around the same age. Comfortable w/being bi. Who loves to play (?), likes live 105s' music (not Alex), KKHI, the Jetsons, and old movies. Have a passion for life's little things—the perfect fitting pair of jeans, a good combination in chess, the aesthetic quality of a painting, and yes a child's smile. If so we may need to talk. Call ★★5379.

Couple Seeks Gay Man
SWF, 30s, petite, and her handsome BiWM, 30s, boyfriend, seek sincere gay man for caring, long-term relationship as her companion and his lover. You should be good-natured, solvent, HIV- and healthy in other regards too. Prefer someone fairly smooth, bottom, trim, under 40. Sincere only Call ★★5380.

Irony & Ecstasy
Can wit & rapture coexist? Bisexual woman artist, 30, seeks friendship+ with bright, creative personality, emotionally aware, reasonably stable/attractive. Clean/sober. Musically literate, REM to Handel. Value mutual respect, native cultures, tolerance for mixed metaphors. Any race/sex, 25-35. Like Toni Morrison, Frida Kahlo, Salman Rushdie, Jane Roberts or any combination? What's important to you? Write: Logical Sequins, 490 6th Ave., #202, SF 94118 or call ★★5381.

Why Live ½ Life at a Time?
Are you a woman who resents having to alternatively give up females and males? Explore the possibilities of a balanced, committed, loving relationship with affectionate bisexual WF, 32, and WM, 27. We are seeking an intelligent woman, not a "plaything," to aim for an eventual equal partnership in fully integrated 3-way relationship. Friendship first. Please be a playful nonsmoker, very comfortable expressing emotions—and ready to be showered with tenderness and creative romance! We are enthusiastic, passionate, easygoing, enjoy humor, good communication, creativity, honesty, sensuality, joie de vivre. Interests include: hot springs, gardening, hiking, cooking, sailing, nude recreation, traveling, massage, singing, arts, dancing, erotica, science fiction, photography, theater, cafes, tropical islands, dining out. "Don't dream it—be it!" PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★5382.

Time to Take a Chance?
White male, 38, wants to explore his desire to be with another male. I don't drink nor smoke. I would prefer that in you also. I must be safe and feel safe. Humor, kindness and respect very important. Let's talk first and then? Call ★★5383.

Bi woman, happily writing her own life script, seeks equals for friends and lovers. I'm intelligent, generous, self-actualized, non-possessive, articulate, uninhibited, and so are you. We eschew coupledom and mindless affairs, seeking instead good long-term commitments that don't suffocate. 37, short, stocky, cute, no smoke, drink, drugs, Republicans. Prefer non-nebulous written responses. Boxholder, 2215 Market St., #127, SF 94114 or call ★★5384.

Bottom? Switch?
Female bottom or switch desired for consensual play by safe, sane, mature, attractive bi guy. Open to all from light dom/sub role playing to leathery S/M. Call or write. Reply BT Box JA300B or call ★★5385.

Big White Woman
B/Bi/C. He's 23, 6'4", well-hung, 360. She's a 27, 5'7", beautiful fat woman, 400+, looking for a big fat beautiful white woman around 5'7" to 5'11", 400+, 20-35. Down-to-earth, funny, wild and able to hold a somewhat intellectual conversation. P.S. Not just fun and games, but a relationship. Call ★★5386.

Wizened Vertebrate, Sometimes Cha Cha Queen
I make and want adventure, follow cycles and ride a M/C. I am 43, 185, 5'10". You: strong, like the outdoors and toughing it. I share as a balance your balance as you like it; leather that is, hot wet skin. Your photo gets mine. All inquiries replied to. Reply BT Box JA301B or call ★★5387.

I'm a pretty, feminine, intelligent, professional woman just discovering my bisexuality. I'm in a stable relationship with my male counterpart, but want to explore sensual experiences with a woman. Are you interested in sharing in an adventure with us? Call ★★5388.

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SHARED INTEREST

Country Western Blues?
Are you tired of standing on the sidelines watching all those country western dancers fly across the room while you're itchin' to jump in, but you're too scared to try? Do you sometimes feel as if your feet are disconnected from your brain? If this sounds like you, do not despair. You are not alone. There are literally hundreds of you out there yearning to become two-steppin', shuffin', tush pushin', circle jerkin' fools like the rest. Call now for fast relief! Call ★★5396.

Bi/Gay Men's Abuse Survivors Group
I would like to form a group in which men who have survived childhood emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse can support each other in uncovering the past, coping with the present, and building a future. Please send a list of times at which you can meet and some method of contacting you to PO Box 7881, Berkeley 94707.

Classical Musicians-Sightreaders
Patient, kind, sensitive, professional accompanist/voice coach seeks other capable instrumentalists/singers for informal, artistic (but light-hearted) music-making. If you are a careful, thoughtful, lonely musician (with possible blocks) who needs someone to share with, please respond. I care about you! (By the way, I have a fine piano, music room, and transportation.) Call ★★5397.

East Bay Dancing Bookworms, where are you? I called and left a message, but nobody called back. Please, I want to go out and have fun, too. Call ★★5398.

Attention Deficit Disorder
Anybody out there with ADD? You're hard to find. Gifted, attractive GWM, 40+ (also gym-toned, HIV-), diagnosed last year, seeks others in the gay community for support, friendship. All welcome to reply. Sex, age not the issue here. Please reply Boxholder, 3315 Sacramento St., #341, SF 94118 or call ★★5399.

Guitar-Playing Partner
GWM, 28, seeks beginning or intermediate guitarists for mutual growth. Prefer folksy stuff like Byrds, Eagles, Dead, John Sebastian, Jackson Browne and Fleetwood Mac, but open to wide styles. Live SF, but will travel to East Bay. Age, gender, race, HIV-status irrelevant, but prefer drug-free. Let's jam! Reply BT Box JA600B or call ★★5400.

Second Generation Group
A group of gay male children of Holocaust survivors is forming in SF. The format of the group is still being discussed, but for now the group is calling itself a support/social group. Participants are exploring common and uncommon issues in a warm, supportive environment. Those interested are invited to Call ★★5401.

Livermore
Attractive, prof. female, 41, looking for pals, male or female, in or near Livermore. Own home, enjoy golf, antiques, living in country and much more. Are there others out here? Let me hear from you. Call ★★5402.

Sunset Rising
We did it once, and we're doing it again! Lesbians, gays and bisexuals of the Inner and Outer Sunset District are coming together as friends and neighbors. If you live in the Sunset, join us Friday, January 31, for a potluck and/or dancing. Or call for news of future get-togethers. Call ★★5403.

Bicycling as a Religion
I know it's avant garde, but why can't bicycle worship be the focus of spiritual belief? I meditate, contemplate and recreate while in self-propelled motion. Find fulfillment on road, off road or on my fast, hot tandem. Of course I'm not completely serious, but I'm hoping to find avid bicycling partners. East Bay GWM, 42, athletic, outgoing, fun loving. Call ★★5404.

Lesbian Cum E-Z Group
Let's share our feelings, experiences & desires about the concept of lesbian sexual gratification—including quickie or anonymous sex, bar pickups, sex ads, lesbian escort services, sex outside of monogamy. This group is safe. It is open to all lesbians to discuss the idea of lesbian sex service. Do we cheat ourselves by not having access to it? Call ★★5405.

I'm a Great Dancer
and I'm looking for a guy or gal partner. No clubs, no bars—just moving around the floor at your house or mine—or perhaps a quiet supper club... Let's dance in the old-fashioned way! Call ★★5406.

Conga Player/Percussionist
Advanced beginner to intermediate level lesbian seeks other women & non-sexist men to play with on a regular basis. I am new in town & miss playing 2-3x/wk. Drummers, are you out there? Call ★★5407.

Those Boots Were Made for Waltzin'
and that's just what they'll do... so dust off those cobwebs and two-step out into the night to come dance with me. This dyke in her twenties seeks other dykes of any age and dancing experience to join me for country/western and other kinds of partner dancing in SF and E.Bay clubs. I'm not asking for your hand in marriage—just for a song or two (and whatever else we feel like doing)! It takes two to tango, so shuffle on out and join me! Call ★★5408.

Jewish Pantheists!
Into taking responsibility for your own spirituality? Let's form a small ritual group committed to authenticity and deepening our connection with each other, ourselves, all beings and things. A space where we can express our creativity, visions, wild & free/scared & confused selves. Cynicism and humor definitely appreciated. Call ★★5409.

Tennis Anyone?
Lesbian seeks women intermediate tennis partners for afternoon & weekend play on courts easily accessible from Noe Valley. I'm more interested in improving my game than being super competitive. Call ★★5410.

Piano-Duo Anyone?
A quiet, mature GAM, 26, early-advanced classical piano player, is seeking GM with similar training and interest to explore and learn works for 4-hand piano by Mozart, Schubert, etc. Nonsmokers only. Age, race, looks unimportant; sincerity in forming a musical partnership/friendship is. Reply BT Box JA601B or call ★★5411.

A Body Image Group?
I'm interested in starting a support group with other women who are somehow physically imperfect and struggle with their body image. Maybe together we could begin a safe and supportive group where we can explore ways to heal these sometimes painful, always challenging issues. A facilitator would be nice to have (anyone interested?) but certainly not essential. Please Reply BT Box JA602B or call ★★5412.

Joyfully Unemployed
Support group forming for women and men who have gotten the axe. Let's explore the excitement and the panic while we experience this change/opportunity. I am also interested in meeting new folks who can play (bike, hike, adventure) during the day. Call ★★5413.

World Music—Serious Fun
Capable musicians and yes, angels, sought by composer, multi-instrumentalist (M.A., Mills; with jazz, theater, experimental and commercial background). Let's form a musical group committed to healing, communication, humor and the enigmatic intuitiveness of shamanism. Have keyboards, synthesizer and wheels. Need rehearsal space. If you want to explore alternatives to the Bamie, stylistic, academic, or otherwise "hip" scene, please contact me. I look forward to meeting you. Call ★★5414.

Pucks, Hoops, Pigskin and More
I can't be the only ultramasculine, jock-type, bright, fun guy knowledgeable about hockey and other team sports and into goin' to or watchin' games. I'm 6'3", 200, 31, GBM, great looking, educated, professional, work-out, discreet, not into scene whatsoever. Looking for similar wholesome gay or bi/married WM/LM, 35-, HIV- for sports buddy with dating/relationship possibilities. Extremely masculine only please. Anywhere in Bay Area OK. Let's catch some games! Call ★★5415.

Lovers of the Image
Group forming to show each other and discuss our favorite snapshots, videos, photographs, advertisements, art, writing, etc.—especially the erotic stuff, whether it's obvious or not. Varied interests encouraged. Sporadic get togethers. Reply PO Box 11691, SF 94101.

1930s Music
Good clarinet and sax player wants to get together with good guitar, bass & piano to form working group to play jazz/pop music of '30s such as Arlen, Berlin, Gershwin, Ellington & Waller. Must be able to improvise. Call ★★5416.

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Beyond This Moment
Dating has been very enjoyable, but now I'm ready for more serious intimacy. This 34-year-old, attractive, romantic Italian is looking for a man of any race whose intellect (and sense of humor) is as big as his heart and finds himself beautiful both inside and out. Acting, dancing, comedy, politics and my career have captured my attention over the years and I now want to add a special man to my life. I am 5'10", 150 lbs., dark brown hair/eyes with a trim beard. Are you into the fine art of conversation and desire an intense carnal and emotional connection with whom to begin the New Year and beyond? Photo please. Reply BT Box JA70B or call ★★5424.

Heh Guys!
I'd like to hear from some interesting men who are nice, bright, not perfect, but enjoy life and intimacy. I'm 5'8", 150 lbs., grey-green eyes, brown hair, moustache, and on the lean side. Prefer guys 30-45 (I'm 40), around my size, nonsmokers, in good shape. I'm well-travelled, versatile, like movies, history, eating out, some sports, and good conversation. Please send a short descriptive letter. Reply BT Box JA71B.

Insightful?
I'm quiet, introspective, interested in psychology, health, art, nature, political/cultural/spiritual awareness, and everything else. Generally prefer good books over parties; home cooked meals (with friends/conversation) over eating out; long walks/yoga over gym. I'm 38, 5'7", 125 lbs., blond thinning hair, glasses, with a sense of humor and adventure. Looking for average looking guys with unique spirits sharing similar interests. Boxholder 337, PO Box 410990, SF 94141 or call ★★5425.

Tall, Good-looking, Successful
GWM, with many hobbies and interests. Loves life and enjoys people. Brown hair, blue eyes, 6'2", negative, healthy nonsmoker, light to non-drinker, no drugs. Looking for someone young who is goodlooking, affectionate lover who can also appreciate a successful, mature lover, own house in Palo Alto. Reply BT Box JA72B or call ★★5426.

Love and Let's Live
Handsome, boyish GWM, 45, 5'10", 155#, HIV+, intelligent, and with a sense of style, seeks mate for exchange of love and energy. Interests include music (esp. piano), arts, outdoors (esp. bicycling), cooking and massage. Don't smoke;

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rarely drink. Oakland/Berkeley or nearby resident preferred. Call ★★5427.

Seeking Life Partner

in need, as I am, of caring, honesty, trust, intimacy, monogamy, friendship—love. Lost my lover of 9 yrs. & hope that love & lifetime commitment will happen again. I'm GWM, HIV-, versatile, Peninsula suburbanite, heavily involved in volunteer work with PWAs. I'm middle-aged, like it, look it (balding, overweight) & thankfully will never be "gym toned." Average looks, endowment. You'd pass me on the street never guessing how much love & passion I have inside, never realizing how warm, caring, romantic & loyal I am, what an off the wall sense of humor I have, how I long to cuddle & kiss, how I long to give & receive long, lingering sensuality, how I love music, laughter, friends, reading, simple or complex conversation, old musicals, socializing, writing, traveling, learning, growing, planning the future & making plans come true. You might never realize what a beautiful life we could plan, build, live together. If you're about 45 to 55, HIV-, independent, sincere, able to give as well as receive, not afraid of facing life with all its problems & love with all its joys and satisfactions, please write today. No photo required, surprise me. Reply BT Box JA73B or call ★★5428.

Are You Aztec? Mayan?

GWM, 41, of Iberian descent, seeks romance with New World native, including dinner dates, Bay Cruises, etc. My interests include classic movies, meditation, the gym, photography, and humor, but I'd like to know what interests you, too. We can begin by exchanging photos. Reply BT Box JA74B or call ★★5429.

Pubeless

Totally smooth, muscular, masculine WM, 40s, 6', 165 lbs., wants same any age or race for mutual sensual massage, J/O & hot nipple play. Share your fantasies. Call ★★5430.

What's Missing?

GWM, attractive, youthful looking 45, medium build, with comfortable lifestyle, good friends, a cat and cultured interests (arts, music, film, romantic weekends) is missing the intimacy and companionship of a younger man. Are you self aware and independent yet missing the comfort and support available from someone... possibly a "mentor"; 25-35 years old, lean to muscular, and uniquely appealing? If so, send a note (picture if possible) and let's see if something can blossom by spring. Your antibody status is unimportant, but I'm healthy HIV+. Reply to Occupant #1, Box 626, 584 Castro St., SF 94114 or call ★★5431.

Potential

I'm a Latin/Irish man, 33, 5'8", 130 lbs. I'm creative, sensuous, outgoing and complex. Looking for friend, lover, partner to share with. Similar characteristics are masculinity, warmth, optimism and fun loving. We'll encourage each other in all aspects of life. Interests include adventures, romance and the outdoors. Let's play "Hardy Boys" with a twist. By the way, I'm also good-looking and HIV+. Your photo and letter gets mine. Reply BT Box JA75B or call ★★5432.

How 'Bout a Date?

If torrid nights of passion with a great looking, honest and fun loving man intrigues you, read on. I'm a 30 y.o., 5'8", 160 lb. (HIV-) GWM that loves good food, intimate conversations and Sunday mornings in bed reading the Times. Hobbies we'd share include BB, C/W dancing, bicycling, skiing and simply relaxing in each other's arms. I'm looking for another warm, masculine, hunky guy, 25-40, who wants to explore loving possibilities. I'll return your photo/letter with mine. Reply BT Box JA76B or call ★★5433.

Bottoms Up

That's me. Hard, eager, and maybe a bit nasty—that's you. East Bay GBM, masculine, smoker, almost 40, 5'4", 145, bubble butt, needs verbal, seductive, over-sexed, HIV- top in reasonable shape. Must relish being on top as much as I enjoy being bottom. Not looking for shared interests, just lots of safe, hot sex. Even so, we need to feel comfortable, at ease, and desirous when we are together. So let's meet and see what comes up. Reply BT Box JA77B or call ★★5434.

Tall "All-American" Type

GWM, 29, 6'5", 200 lbs., brown hair, green eyes, collegiate, athletic type, masculine, professional, successful, fun guy. HIV-. Seeks similar guy who enjoys: the gym, progressive music, weekend getaways and shares a good sense of humor and a positive outlook on life. I live an hour (east) of San Francisco (own a house in the "burbs"). Looking forward to the possibilities! Call ★★5435.

Professional Seeks Relationship

GWM, 6'2", bl/bl, 180, HIV-, 29, seeks man 25-40 for mature, monogamous relationship. I enjoy weightlifting, running, long walks on the beach, cooking pasta, and long, safe, romantic nights. I'm intelligent, analytical, yet intuitive, sensitive yet strong, creative, personable, outgoing, romantic and passionate. Will answer all responses. PO Box 9875, Stanford 94305 or call ★★5436.

Latino Gordito!

Donde te escondes? Ya no quiero estar sin ti y necesito la seguridad de tus brazos. Tu: latino gordito, guapo, estudiante universitario o profesionista, de bigote/barba, 23-35 anos. No fumas ni usas drogas y eres sano (HIV-). Eres macho pero tierno, fiel, afectuoso, honrado, sincero y carinoso. Te encanta lo romantico y sabes gozar de la vida. Deseas amar y ser amado de verdad. Buscas relacion monogama, estable y duradera conmigo: latino guapo, gordito (5'8", 185) de aspecto buga, ojos verdes, bigote, 28 anos, estudiante graduado. Sabre bien cuidarte. Empecemos juntos el amor mas fantastico de nuestras vidas. Responde (de preferencia con foto) a Box 72095, Davis 95617.

Retromingent Retrovirus

got you down? Tired of poking the channel changer instead of your honey? This energetic, eclectic, 5'9", 157, 40ish, QWM AIDS widow (8 great years), bored with cliched scenes and people, wants to pair with other active cleanshaven HIV+ (AIDS/ARC OK) younger non-clone for fun, support and affection. Artistic, musical, punk, queer-political are pluses. Money, muscle, social and dick status irrelevant. Call ★★5437.

Flex Your Muscles

WM, 5'6", 155 lbs., seeks muscular guys of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★5438.

Nice Guy In Menlo Park

Unpretentious GWM, 46, looking for friends who are sensitive to dysfunctional family issues and have gay rights consciousness. You're intelligent, affectionate, 30-55, between 5'6" to 5'11", a nonsmoker, listener, and drug free. You like the beach, bicycling, theater, musicals, books, lively conversations and traveling. You're lighthearted, artistic, more suburban than urban, and have a kind sense of humor. I'm attractive, intelligent, have brown hair and eyes, 5'7", healthy and vegetarian. I like good and bad puns, classical music, bicycling, animals, nature, hiking, movies, reading, domestic and foreign travel. I'm financially secure, creative, resourceful, generous, thoughtful and friendly. I like ethnic restaurants, hairy chests, warm weather, blue eyes and sunny places. I enjoy being around guys who are supportive, honest and comfortable being gay. If you have some of these qualities, are interested and available, reply to Boxholder, PO Box 2532, Menlo Park 94026 or call ★★5439.

Best Friends/Lovers

I'm looking for a special person to share my life. I'm 34, handsome GWM, 6', 165#, clean-cut, HIV-. I'm a stable prof. with interests including clubs, cafes, art, motorcycle riding, spontaneous exploration, alternative music and old sitcoms. I'm honest, open minded and have a disarming sense of humor. Hopefully we can share some interests and learn some new ones from each other. You are: my age or younger, light to non-drinker, affectionate, financially and psychologically stable and looking for a long-term, monogamous relationship. Reply BT Box JA78B or call ★★5440.

Spanking Stepdad Wanted

Sincere WM, youthful 42, 6'2", 174 lbs., trim, blue eyes, nice smooth buns, HIV-, seeks warm-hearted, strict but caring stepdad who knows how to administer traditional corporal punishment with hand, maybe strap, to disobedient young man. Prefer over 46, any race, spiritual, somewhat fit; attitude more important than looks. Prefer warm friendship with no sex! In letter please say enough. Reply PO Box 14794, SF 94114.

East Bay, Sensuous, Irish-American Blond

seeks HIV- romantic gay man for heart to heart intimacy with intellect... I am a 37-year-old, attractive, wearing wire rimmed specs. HIV-, bottomish, easy-going, 5'8", 145, smooth, solid, still tan, musc. body. I have a weakness for dominant, gentle, hairy men who want a committed, loving relationship. Reply BT Box JA79B or call ★★5441.

Leather Christmas Stocking

Great hairy pecs, winning smile, soft greenish-brown eyes on masculine, aggressive animal, 38, HIV-. Tie this one to your mantle, hang balls low below, stoke up a fire, give commands and make your fantasies come true for life! Photo available for your review. Ready and willing to travel or relocate for dungeon duty. You're in charge, sir! 5 Town & Country Village, Box #728, San Jose 95128-2026.

Contra Costa Stud

Just moved from the city and don't know a soul. Would like to be pleasantly surprised! I'm 31, sexy, 5'10", 160#, hot body. Looking to meet a new set of guys around my age; friendship, sex, anything and everything. Athletically inclined, bright, successful, and love to have a good time. Are there other hot guys out here? Let me hear from you. Call ★★5442.

Hot Winter Romance

Me: Great-looking, easygoing, fun loving, affectionate, college educated, 6'1", 180, brn/brn, HIV-, mid-30s, career oriented, professional, honest, humorous, versatile, masculine. You: similar, physically active & fit, 25-40, blond and/or smooth a plus, emotionally avail., looking for fun and hopefully more. Interests: skiing, mtn biking, gym, aerobics, home/garden improvement, travel, romance, windsurfing, sailing. Let's meet & see if it's right for a second date. Reply BT Box JA81B or call ★★5443.

Are You For Me?

Are you a versatile, cuddly, HIV-, GWM 32±3 years, 5'9" to 6'2", and under 190 lbs.? (Extra points for long haired, collegian, with car.) Do you strive to be marriageable, monogamous, and sexually generous? Are you interested in developing a lasting friendship? Send replies and comments to: "My Peer!" PO Box 561, Brisbane, CA 94005-0561.

For Husky WM Admirers Only

I'm WM, 45, 5'10", 200#, good husky build, cleanshaven, hung, uncut, HIV-, nonsmoker, no drugs. I'm looking for a slim to medium build male to share a rewarding, uninhibited, creative, sexual friendship and whatever else develops. No Greek. Not into bars or one-nighters. I'm intelligent, reasonably attractive and non-neurotic. Risk the ridiculous and reach the sublime. PO Box 1177, Palo Alto 94302.

Cool Quality

College educated, level headed, professional, very masculine and clean-cut, handsome, sports-minded guy seeks same qualities in a GW or GLM, 27-37. I'm a GBM, 6'3", 200, 31, green eyes, bright, sincere, genuine, good upbringing and a blast. Like me, you probably run with the straight crowd at times but are comfortable being a straight-acting gay man. One night you like goin' to a hockey, football or basketball game, the next night a romantic evening with your guy. We're just regular guys that have a hard time meeting one another in SF. Looking for dating, fun and possible relationship. Please send photo (all returned). East Bay and San Jose welcome. Let's meet! Reply BT Box JA82B or call ★★5444.

Let's Start 1992 Together

I'm ready for a special relationship with a youthful-looking independent man around my age. GAM, 41, 5'3", 125#, likes to meet and develop a relationship with a man who shares some of my interests. They are: music (classical, operas and some jazz), arts and sciences, outdoors, PBS, NPR, movies and current events. I also like "The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd." Passionate love affair is fun when it lasts but I'm looking for something more permanent. I'm a professional, loving, kind, healthy, educated and have a sense of humor. I'm also masculine and level-headed with romance at heart. Write PO Box 41423, San Jose 95160 or call ★★5445.

Love, Apple Pie and Family

I know you are out there—somewhere. You are of course that handsome, masculine, loving, great at sex, and physically fit man with Midwestern values, spiritual awareness, a great sense of humor and a keen mind that would charm anyone's family. You are mature, stable, drug free, nonsmoker, HIV- and career oriented. You are not a fringe fanatic, warlock, voodoo queen, devil worshipper or charismatic. Being free of self-delusion you do not confuse yourself with Napoleon, Teddy Roosevelt or the Messiah. If you are an average Joe you do not call yourself drop-dead gorgeous. This youthful-appearing, 40s, degreed professional GWM living in the City is 5'11", 165#, gym toned, HIV-, nonsmoker and drug free. I enjoy sports, travel and a broad spectrum of cultural pursuits. If you value friends and family and if you enjoy laughing, fireplaces, sex, cuddling and communicating your inner feelings, then please send a letter with photo to BT Box JA83B.

Clean-Cut/Athletic

GWM, 6'1½", 172 lbs., 50, HIV-, nonsmoker, alcohol and drug-free with firm/trim athletic build. Into healthy lifestyle, exercise, travel, theater, opera, ballet, figure skating, tennis, biking. Secure professional. Seeking well-endowed, in-shape guy with similar interests who has trim, athletic build. Dislike bars; enjoy evenings at home with right guy. Photo encouraged; will reciprocate. PO Box 704, Oakland 94604 or call ★★5446.

Different Kind of Guy

Prefer friendship and romance to smoky bars, gay talk, hard drugs, new age crap and moral majority values? I'm 32, 5'10", 155, HIV-. Attractive, intelligent, warm, successful, outgoing. Seeking good-looking, clean-cut, masculine, together counterpart with vibrant mind and honest, loving heart who lives life with passion and adventure. Let's share wild and quiet times, conversation, outdoors, travel, sports, restaurants, books, movies, country and city life. Seeking good friends, and one man to spend a lifetime with. Serious letter/photo (returned) to PO Box 472133, SF 94147 or call ★★5447.

Meditative Bear in Marin

Masculine GWM, 44, 180, 5'8", br/gray hair, gray beard, muscular-chunky build. Interests include: meditation, gardening, nature, Eastern esotericism, music, film, ethnic arts and safe sex. Wish to meet an intelligent, HIV-, warmhearted, husky but firm-bodied, adventuresome man with a sense of wonder. A loving heart dwelling in masculine chunky man gets mine. Send note with photo to: Occupant, 1001 Bridgeway, Box 472, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★5448.

Latino/Italian GM

36, 6', 150, dk. curly hair, brn eyes, moust. I'd like to meet other guys around my age or older for good friends or possible relationship. I am very affectionate, loving kissing & holding, politically liberal, not into drugs or bar scene (tobacco & lt. drinking OK), HIV-. You should be too. Height, weight, nationality unimportant but please no drugs, barflies, clones or Republicans. Call ★★5449.

You're in your 30s or 40s, in shape but no "exercise Nazi," a nonsmoker with a cheerful disposition—and you don't watch TV (except maybe "The Simpsons")! That describes me too, plus I'm 37, 6'2", 190#, blond, love my friends & home & career & I'm ready for a mate! Let's ski this winter and go camping in the spring. Extra points for: thick dark hair on your head, chest or upper lip; SF or Contra Costa residence; my build or thicker—but if this is even close, go for it! Please include a photo with your brief letter—I'll be looking for "you" in both of them. Reply BT Box JA84B.

Tender as a Flower

Articulate yet pensive WM, 47 yrs., 6'2", 170 lbs., bald, blue/brown, likes religion (I'm Anglican), books, poetry and the perpetual quest to comprehend it all. You're of similar character, in your thirties or younger, smart, cute, slender, strong, cuddly, lyrical and easygoing. We are each, in Gandhi's words, "Tender as a flower—tough as stone." Reply BT Box JA85B or call ★★5450.

Needy in the New Year

Good-looking GWM seeks other GWMs for safe sex, one time or repeats. I am 51, HIV-, 5'10", 170#, very hairy gym-toned body, black hair (S/P), blue-eyed with a nice uncut dick w/mushroom head. Great kisser, love to cuddle, enjoy lots of foreplay. No smokers! Prefer HIV-, nonsmoking, weight proportionate to height. Photo/phone to: Needy, 2215-R Market St., Box #169, SF 94114.

Erotic Dancing Spirit

Looking for well-toned, trim-bodied, smooth-skinned guys with heart, healthy egos and integrity into erotic massage, authentic movement/contact improvisation, for sexual play and friendship. Sonoma County residents particularly desired. Me: sincere, easygoing, fit, trim, 5'10", 38. Into nature, hiking, skiing, meditation, expressive dance, tender touch, grabbing passion, revealing conversation among a few close friends and shared stillness. Intrerested in exploring our spirited embodiments. Reply BT Box JA86B or call ★★5451.

Ack! A Furball!

If you're into (or not opposed to) hairy men, and interested in a serious (yet fun-filled) relationship, this is it! You are—emotionally mature, financially stable, health-conscious, happy and loving. You can fulfill my fantasy if you're tall and strong; but primarily I want a nice, in-shape guy who can share love (and lust). I'm 34, 5'5", 140, HIV-, br/br; working toward euphoria, including: embracing change(s), exercising and sharing life. Just for your information—I enjoy dancing, reading, "the gym," most music, brisk walks, cheap movies and boinking. I want a man to share what can and will be a wonderful life. Please write a brief note and include a recent photo. Thank you. Reply BT Box JA87B.

You're the Top

Great song, better position. I'm 43 y.o. GWM, 6'4", 275 lbs., HIV+, seeking good-looking man, 25-45, for bedroom romps. I have thick red/gray hair, full beard, thick dick, huge balls, average looks. You are masculine, hairy, muscular, with a killer chest and good looks. Latino a big bonus. Picture if possible. Call ★★5452.

Down to Earth Nice Guy

seeks same. I'm 39 y.o., 6', blue eyes, 170 lbs., nice build, bald/buzzed head, beard, hairy chest, nice smile, creative, funny, affectionate. Turn-ons: hairy, bald (or not), love man with a strong natural smell (like myself), j-o, hugging, etc. Turn-offs: poppers, drugs, S-M, cologne, major body piercing, cockrings, attitude. Have many interests. Relationship oriented. Let's fill in the blanks. PO Box 423833, SF 94142 or call ★★5453.

I'm Old Fashioned

GWM, youthful 57, beard, moustache, (not bald), slender, not bad looking, HIV-, healthy, sexual, non-drinker/smoker. Enjoy quiet times and sharing experiences from movies to traveling. (Have truck, will camp.) If you're looking for a close relationship, I have lots of love for that special person. You are younger than me, secure, responsible and considerate of others' feelings. Asian types are especially welcome, but character counts more than race. Please respond with photo to BT Box JA88B or call ★★5454.

Laugh With Me

This warm, loving teddy bear seeks affection, sincerity & respect. I'm 5'9", 200 lbs., green eyes, brn moustache & hair. Would like to meet partner with diverse interests, who is happy with who they are. Your phone number gets my quick response. Let's laugh together! Reply BT Box JA89B.

Passion

It's a must. This good-looking 28-year-old blond is looking for a stable, interesting jock-of-all-trades, i.e., leatherman, cowboy and mountain-man. I enjoy theater, music, large dogs and I have a passion for the great outdoors. So if you're looking for an adventure and would enjoy my hairy chest, then you might discover my wild heart. Love & relationships do not scare me so let's just do it. Reply BT Box JA90B or call ★★5455.

You're Easy to Dance With

Would you like to be more than just a dance partner? I'm relatively new to partner-dancing after completing six months of classes (ballroom, swing, etc.). Looking for that right person to follow. My other interests include: reading (especially mysteries), walking, cooking, spending time with friends, movies, music (love KKSF), history, computers. Friends describe me as: romantic, fun, gentle, handsome, well-read, intelligent, caring, great friend, warm, playful, hot, thoughtful, sensitive, traditional, feminist. Me: WM, 35, 5'10", 175, HIV-, brown/hazel. You: 30s, nonsmoker, light or moderate drinker, no drugs, everything else is up to you. Reply BT Box JA91B or call ★★5456.

How About It for 1992?

At 36, this GWM's biological clock is ticking more loudly. I'm 6'1", 180 lbs., br/bl, hairy, with very healthy appetites. I've a great sense of humor, care about people and know that I'm a nice guy. I'm also handsome. I'm healthy HIV+ and looking to explore possibilities during this new year. If you're honest, affectionate and willing to put out emotionally, please be in touch. Call ★★5457.

Big Belly

Big cock & balls on solid, not fat WM, 5'11", 175, 44, HIV-. Seeks slender WM, HIV-, who enjoys above type men. Relationship poss., but not required. Call ★★5458.

Looking for Love

Boyish 37 y.o. bear, 5'10", 165 lbs., husky, hairy, horny, seeks mate. Prefer a 25-32-year-old slightly submissive man who is affectionate, masculine, stable, slim and available. Fair haired/smoothish a plus but not required. East Bay location but I can travel. Will answer all responses. Call ★★5459.

Country Living

GWM, 41, 5'7", 160, br/bl, HIV+, healthy, seeking a GWM, HIV+, between 25 & 40 years old. Moustache OK—beard not. Must be honest & sincere. I like fishing, camping, trips to Reno, board games, and lots of flowers & house plants. I enjoy country living but need a friend-lover to share it with. Hope to hear from you soon. PO Box 323, Strawberry Valley, CA 95981.

Celebrate!

Looking to meet a special man. A man who appreciates off-beat humor, is physically active, appreciates creativity, architecture & design, has his own interests and friends, is family and gay positive. I love men who are 33-40, 6' or taller. I am all of the above, good-looking, 30, 6', 170 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. I am HIV+, healthy & optimistic. Your photo appreciated. Drug-free only. Reply BT Box JA92B.

New Year's Resolution

to try and find that special guy to love and care for. He might be over 35, any race, HIV-, a top, and honest and easy-going. I am 44; look 43, shy, intelligent, with a dry wit. I'm 5'11", 170 lbs., HIV-, brown hair and eyes, a GWM. I am especially interested in art, film, plants, Open Hand, liberal politics, road trips, and you. I am a college grad, a working professional, and work as hard at the gym as I do at the office. It's integrity and ethics that I value most. Give me a reason to stay home more evenings. Photo and revealing note welcomed. Reply BT Box JA93B.

Hugs and Kisses Come First

My arms hold what the world lacks. Lonely, shy, honest, sincere bear seeks a cub for extended and regular periods of lovemaking. Relationship oriented. Once won't be enough. Me: attractive GWM, 40, 6'5", 200 lbs. Top. You: attractive GWM, 21-35, bottom with slim build. Looking for affectionate individuals who are looking for more than an orgasm. Call now for details. Call ★★5460.

Quality for Quality

WM, 41, career professional, 5'8", 162 lbs., blond/brown, moustache, considered attractive. Qualities include: stable, secure, communicative.

genuine, fun-loving, easy-going, independent, adventurous. Interests include: good friends, theater, dining out, good conversation, traveling, movies, new adventures, enjoying life. Seeking a quality man to date, and explore possibilities with. I tend to be attracted to Asian, Latin, African-American, or dark-haired (topish) men, who are my age or younger, who seek a quality man to date. An ad can never convey it all so let's communicate, meet, and hopefully date. Reply BT Box JA94B or call ★★5461.

Slim Wants Rangy

Close-cropped dark blond, trim beard, 40s, in-shape, blue eyes, 5′11″, 155#, uncut, HIV+, healthy, looking for hot, lean topman. Sophisticates OK; just don't talk. Call ★★5462.

You Wanna Bet

When you meet me, you'll find an intriguing, candid, desirous 31 y.o. GWM. Most of my dreams have become realities except for a long-standing relationship with a special someone. I have to admit, patience is not my strongest suit, but I can change that. My interests are the same as others. I'm more an indoors type than an outdoors. I'm a light smoker/drinker and weigh 150#. Turn-ons are men of average build, between 5′5″-5′9″, with fuzzy chests and glasses. If none of these things are you, honesty and a sense of humor also interest me. Call me and I'll expand upon my ad. Call ★★5463.

So Gorgeous I Could Drink Your Bathwater

I always said I wanted someone so gorgeous I could do this, but now this is unimportant. I want a man I can be intimate with—enjoy dining, films, theater, music, long walks on the beach, good conversation, dancing and hot passionate sex. Me: attractive, 32, 5′11″, black professional male, HIV-, heavyset. Reply PO Box 885222, SF 94188.

Wanted Other Better Half

Black Latino, 5′11″, 165 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, moustache, in good shape. Well-educated, traveled, artist. Into languages, culture and people. Weekend adventures. Quiet evening at home. Seeking for partner in life. Self-confident. Honest and sincere. I prefer Caucasian men (European) but I am open to any race. Call ★★5464.

Bear Seeks Bear

Appreciative, hairy, husky, strong and kind man seeks same or similar for friendship and lovemaking, sharing. Please respond to: Harry, 584 Castro St., #247, SF 94114 or call ★★5465.

Hot and Ready in Marin

Are you tall, husky, straight-mannered with the artist in you? Emotionally and financially secure; have a sense of fun, independent, fit and flexible; 35-50, looking for a mate? I am a GWM, 46, 5′11″, 180 lbs. Writer. Good-looking, athletic, HIV-, into clean living. Include photo with short letter. Go for it if close. Reply BT Box JA95B.

Santa Forgot

to list the naughty and/or nice men I should meet so... I'm GAM, 26, fit, professional, HIV-, honest, secure and fun-loving. Enjoy SF's offerings of intellectual pursuit, food, culture (high and low), and men. I'm attracted to GWM, GLM, nonsmokers, moderately extroverted, 26-35, fit, masculine, HIV-, sexually assertive, and not cynical or pretentious. Let's meet and share interests and gauge attraction. Call ★★5466.

Join Me

GWM, 52, 5′8″, 175#, HIV-, blue, gray, moustache. Romantic educated professional, sensitive, intelligent, seeks affectionate, sincere GAM for friendship or possible relationship. I value good conversation, a smiling face, and a sense of humor. My interests are classical music, the outdoors, cooking, quiet evenings, biking, KQED, hiking, eating out, gardening, travel, and mystery novels. Call and let's chat over coffee. Call ★★5467.

Solid Lover/Partner

sought by this handsome, youthful (early 40s), energetic prof., 5′11″, 165 lbs., blue/brn, HIV-, athletic, GWM. Seeking a 35-45 yr. old, good-looking, fun-loving, masculine, sensitive, honest, mature, HIV-, health conscious, nonsmoking, intellectually stimulating, drug-free GWM with well-proportioned body. A man who enjoys physical and emotional closeness, passionate sex, outdoor adventures, city pleasures, travel. Send photo, letter & phone no. to: BT Box JA96B or call ★★5468.

Man-Hair

GWM, 37, 5′10″, 175, brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, smooth bottom-man, seeks down-to-earth, all-American, hairy-chested, masculine, dominant topman for possible relationship. The more body hair the better. Sincere only. J.R., PO Box 421396, SF 94142 or call ★★5469.

Dick Seeks Big Dick

Hey stud, find my holes and fill them; love a huge dick in my mouth, down my throat, up my ass. Hot, insatiable, slender, handsome (really), tanned, cleanshaven, very smooth, mid-30s (look younger), HIV-, gay Asian male wants well-hung, slender or muscular GWM (bisexual/married men okay) for lots of uninhibited lovemaking. Safe play only. Open to three-ways. Relationship possible. Discretion assured. Call ★★5470.

Underwear/Jockstrap Fantasies?

Good-looking, slim, Asian runner with nice legs and cute butt has huge underwear/jockstrap collection. Seeks GWM for private shows. I will strip, model my skivvies. Help me into my garments, grope me, make me bend over, photograph me. I'm HIV-, versatile, anal passive. Hot, safe, erotic fun. Plus if you'll show me your underwear/jock collection and try them on for me. Not into dirty underwear. Call ★★5471.

Like Bears? Like to Write Bearish

erotic fiction? (No?—keep reading) Write at all? I'm huge, pot-bellied and sincere, searching for: 1. Skinnys for mutual, queued, safe-issimo, sexual exploration. 2. Some feedback on my erotic fiction (from another writer). Complicated? Fershure. But I can keep the two separate—don't let revulsion or ignorance for one deter you from the other. We can challenge and/or excite ourselves... So?... Call! ★★5472.

Brains and Brawn

I enjoy long kisses, stimulating conversation, hot sex and great romance. I'm self-aware, proud to be gay, but not into the "scene"; committed to staying healthy and fit, but not a fanatic, born and raised in the Bay Area with East Coast savvy. Inside: big heart, caring, passionate, intellectual, witty, professional, silly, fun, generous, ambitious, articulate and educated. Outside: good-looking GWM, 28 years old, big brown eyes, curly brown hair, nice smile, gym-body, 5′8″, 170 lbs. If you're 25-35, GWM, handsome, intelligent, fit and well-adjusted, your response with photo gets mine. Reply BT Box JA97B.

Ex-Sexual Gladiator

Mending well, seeks dates with brains, opinions and rough edges. Age, "looks," HIV status are less important than vitality, humor, sexiness and daring. I'm handsome, 6′1″, 170 lbs., healthy, HIV+, 44 and ready. Send picture and number to BT Box JA98B or call ★★5473.

Handsome Muscular Italian

GWM, 34, 6′2″, 175 lbs., into travel, fitness, romance and quiet times. Extremely well-endowed, seeks another HIV-, very well-hung man with similar interests for monogamous relationship. Leave description, name and number at ★★5474.

Live in the Sierras

Looking for energetic, healthy, cleancut GWM (20-35) who likes the outdoors enough to live in Central Sierras. Share large cabin with goodlooking masculine GWM, cleancut, all-American boy type. Plusses if you share interest in backpacking, bicycling, bodybuilding, working out, scuba, play piano/sax. Seek partner/friendship for mutual benefit/good times. Sincere reply with photo gets same. Reply BT Box JA99B.

Sensitive and Smart

GWM, 29, 5′11″, 180, br/br, HIV-. Interests include outdoors (hiking, etc.), cooking, reading, music, games. Intelligent, enthusiastic, compassionate and caring. Looking for GM, 25-35, with similar personality and interests to help me discover the meaning of life. Reply BT Box JA100B or call ★★5475.

Southern Contention

GWM from Deep South looking for a group of Southern gay men for social outings and to "shoot the shit" so to speak. Write: Box 213, 109 Minna St., SF 94105.

Slim and Boyish Looking?

Warmhearted WM, young for 42 years, 6′2″, 175 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, HIV-, blue eyes, brown hair, seeks slim or skinny guy for little brother, sincere friend. Any race OK. I'm affectionate, good listener, mental health professional. Prefer 19-34, smooth, warmhearted, nonsmoker who exercises some and doesn't like bars. Reply PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202. Plus if you have some spiritual interests. (I'm a Buddhist.)

Pixies, Curve, Nirvana

East Coast transplant, smart, handsome, educated, successful, active, responsible, 30, 6′, 170 lbs., HIV-, looking for someone to stretch my mind. No drugs—just physical and mental activity. Knowledge of new or classical music a plus. Please do not answer if you consider "working out" or "going to the beach" an interest. Call ★★5476.

Passionate Bottom

seeks a loving, very well-hung top of any race, HIV-, 25 to 50 years old. I'm blond/blue eyed, 5′11″, cute 39-year-old with an average build. I'm looking to share romance, loving times around the fireplace, passionate lovemaking, and possible relationship. Reply PO Box 14391, SF 94114.

Sleep Over

Busy artist with unpredictable schedule seeks spirited spontaneous sweethearts for occasional casual sex and/or sleepovers. I'm a youthful 37, very goodlooking, great body, affectionate, and a terrific kisser. You should be 20-37, slender, sexy, not too hairy—nice eyes & lips a big plus. Send photo—xerox OK. Reply BT Box JA101B or call ★★5477.

New to Area

GWM, 39, 5′10″, 165, Gold's gym-goer, very muscular, athletic, into sports and arts, hard to define, sexually—a safe sex bottom looking to meet a top, muscular as well, age ? not past 50, would love to meet some men at Gold's, like very masculine/dominant men who look good in leather or suit or Levi's. Send phone number if available, PO Box 4398, Mountain View 94040 or call ★★5478.

Meet Me Half Way

Wanted: Dates and possible cuddlebuddy, dating friend, honey, and/or boyfriend. Warm, sensitive, goodlooking guy, seeks someone around my age, smoothish, with kind heart, sense of humor, and similar desires. Like to curl up in bed, talk, gentle touch, make love, talk some more, share food, be with friends, share feelings, explore, go out, movies, shows, ballet, opera, concerts, travel (Hawaii, Europe), Macintoshes, music (Steve Kindler, Prokofiev, John Serrie, Tchaikovsky, the Beatles, Puccini, etc.). I'll be 43 this month, 5′8″, 145#, medium long brown hair, and extremely short reddish beard. I'm not perfect and am not looking for someone who is. Just be open and ready, and if we feel good together, we can walk aways hand in hand. Reply BT Box JA102B or call ★★5479.

Erik the Red

I'm looking for you to take me on a journey through the fjords of life to Valhalla. I am a 29 y.o. professional, 5′7″, 140#, Precious Indian Prince seeking an emotionally mature Viking God with a rich imagination. Photo appreciated and will be returned. Valkyries need not respond. Reply BT Box JA103B or call ★★5480.

Growing Up in the South

in the '60s, I appreciate a certain genre of music, home-cooked meals—different from today's go-go fast-food consciousness. I'd like to meet a handsome, creative fellow with eloquence of speech and manner—an affectionate companion with spiritual insight. I'm 42, 5′11″, 145 lbs., ash blond hair, lots-o-white in my goatee, green eyes, HIV+. I watch the sunrise every morning. Call ★★5481.

Not Too Spiritual

But definitely into it—GWM Ital.-Argent., 31 y.o., 6′1″, 170 lbs. I'm goodlooking, drug- alcohol- & attitude-free. HIV+. I'm a good friend and easy-going person. Uncut. Very hot top and bottom. You be same, 25-35, in good shape physically-spiritually & mentally. Open minded and fun to be with—like outdoors, indoors, animals, human beings. Call ★★5482.

Clean-Cut Leather Jacketed Stud

Me: 6′1″, brown/brown, 31 y.o., 190#, handsome?, masculine, ex-Marine/football jock. Love/own motorcycle. Nonsmoker, HIV-, no drugs. You: under 30, GWM, nonsmoker, shorter & younger than me with a motorcycle jacket. Open to possibility of a relationship. PO Box 14241, SF 94114-0241 or call ★★5483. All letters with photo get my phone #.

Tired of Sleeping Alone?

Relationship oriented GWM, 36, 5′11″, 150, quiet, gentile, shy, seeking gentle skinny/thin GAM, GLM, GWM under 38, HIV-, for romance, affection, cuddling, companionship (no anal or kinky). Rob, PO Box 1041, Alameda 94501 or call ★★5484.

Not So Nice

Corn fed looking GWM sex pig, cute, smart, cynical, amusing and painfully honest. I can be friendly and hopelessly romantic but only with matching chemistry. I'm 27, 5′9″, auburn hair, hzl eyes, gymtoned body. Boyz bigger and a little bit older with decent sized dicks do it for me. I'm healthy HIV+, your status not an issue. Would like a serious relationship, but whatever will do. Call ★★5485.

Spice of Life

Mature, goodlooking Asian, 28 yrs., healthy HIV+, 5′10″, 150 lbs., black hair, tan skin, and big brown eyes. I've traveled extensively throughout the world, exposed to different cultures and am aware of global changes. I respect directness, intelligent conversation, long walks, hot safe sex, running, cooking, dining out and cuddling. Looking for sincere, mentally sound with a positive outlook on life kind of guy. (No femmes please.) If you are, let's cross paths. Call ★★5486.

Carne Sabrosa

Sensual gay Latino male looking for a meaningful and fun relationship. I'm 32 yrs., 5′4″, black hair, brown eyes, and use a power wheelchair. I enjoy intelligent conversation, ballet, dining out, jazz/soul, hot safe sex, and cuddling. If you are 21-35, sincere, and know what you want out of life, then let's get together and share some chorizo. Call ★★5487.

Do Your Buns

need regular attention? A light massage, warm-up toys or spanking, and safe probing? Smooth, shaved or titwork a plus. Me: trim, cleanshaven, 6′1″, 162 lbs., 40s, brn/hzl. You: GWM/GLM to 40, slim and eager. Smoke OK. Phone and photo (returnable). Reply BT Box JA104B.

If You're Like Me

you need a lot of sex. I would love to let you lay back and have your "big dick" serviced by a cocksucker who knows what he wants and likes. Your pleasures are only a call away in the East Bay. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call ★★5488.

Hidden Treasures/Endless Pleasures

Do you seek a shy guy? How about one with the passion, heart and soul of a poet, the wit, timing and insight of a stand-up comedian, and the lust of a guy who doesn't get enough? And what if this extraordinary fellow proved fun enough for a friend, wild enough for rollicking sex, and intimate enough for love and relationship with the right partner? Would this man of yours be possessed of varied interests: fine wining and dining, music (jazz, rap, rock, classical, world), quiet nights at home, wild clubbing, intellectual conversation, sheer stupidity, fun, support, touch, orgasms and love? I am all of these men in a 28 y.o. GWM, 5′6″, 165#, cleanshaven yet hirsute package. If you are a 20-35 y.o. GWM who is a happy, healthy, horny, humorous, hunky (hopefully!), hair-lovin' honey who hankers for a honey like me, then let's discover one another: it could prove valuable! Reply BT Box JA105B or call ★★5489.

Spontaneous

Happy, fun to be with, enthusiastic about life, driven, intelligent but with a lot to learn, 40, handsome, toned. Appreciation of arts, music, travel. I live a full yet unpretentious life in Southern Marin. This straightforward, well-educated, successful Jewish guy is looking for friendship and more. Monogamous, loyal and unfortunately into it immediately if "it's a fit." We both are HIV-, cleanshaven, share the hope of meeting a partner, sensitive to other people's feelings and willing to engage in this silly process. P.S. My pushy friend Janelle paid for this ad. Take a chance—send your photo (important/returned if requested). Reply BT Box JA106B.

Lusty Bear

Bearded, healthy, hot & horny East Bay PWA (mild KS) bear, 41, 6′, 175 lbs., good body and positive attitude, seeks other HIV+/ARC/AiDS bears into serious butt plowing. Basically a top but I take it, too. C'mon cubs—how about some sweaty action? Reply with returnable pic to: Boxholder, PO Box 10831, Oakland 94610-0831 or call ★★5490.

PWA/HIV+

GWM, 5′9″, 135 lbs., drk hair/eyes, cleanshaven, intelligent, 30 yrs old, non-hairy, Italian, very handsome by standard conceptions, seeks spiritually oriented PWA or other HIV+ into alternative medicine (holistics), fun, massage, sex, movies, food, dating, laughter, love. Open to meeting men to age 35. Photo appreciated but not necessary. All replies answered—thanks. Reply BT Box JA107B or call ★★5491.

Seeking Similar Values

Artist looking for relationship with sensitive, mature man, 30-45, with similar values. I'm 44, 5′7″, 130, slim, European born and HIV-. My interests include art, reading, films, PBS, travel, the outdoors, and romance and intimacy in its various, safe aspects. I care about people and believe that love is still possible and worth pursuing and working toward. I hope that you do too. Call ★★5492.

M. Butterfly

Mature, dominant European seeks macho Asian or other small, cute guy for cross-dressing fantasy fun. Enjoy B&D, spanking, massage, striptease & role-playing. I am 6 ft., tall, slim, 170 lbs., fair complexion with dark blue eyes. Appreciate a good imagination & a well developed sense of humor. Please call ★★5493.

Latin Man

Seeking Black or Latinos for hot passionate sex sessions. I'm 32, black hair/moustache, 5′10″, 155 lbs. I'm a hot & horny Latin bottom. Please write me: 564 Mission St., Ste. 107, SF 94105-2921 or call ★★5494.

Well-Known Older Writer

Short, white, hairy, hung, thick Dad seeks younger sons any height, race, color. Cut/uncut, hung/unhung, smooth/hairy. Education, honesty helps. Let's break the vicious circle of role-playing and typecasting, express mutual need to cum together joyfully in Whitmanesque brotherhood. Oral/anal sex without risk is our birthright. Box 263, 537 Jones, SF 94102 or call ★★5495.

Seeking Slim Asian or ?

Sincere WM, young for 42 years, 6′2″, 174 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, brown hair, healthy, HIV-, seeks slim to skinny 20-35. I'm affectionate, good listener, professional. Prefer warmhearted relationship-oriented, nonsmoker, who exercises and doesn't like bars. Ideally seeking lover, open to sincere friend. Reply PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202.

Romantic, but Slightly Cynical

I'm also very affectionate and demonstrative, stable and communicative. Young 40-year-old, 5′10½″, 160 lbs., dark brown curly hair, green eyes, trim beard, hairy, seeks energetic man hwo is comfortable with intimacy, in touch with his feelings. I have a healthy lifestyle (natural foods, no drugs), varied interests (esp. languages, travel, current events, modern European culture), good sense of humor, am very oral. Call ★★5496.

Between rubrics, an interval: beauty here has many different conditions, and the physical, always veiled by print, is never revealed completely, as words only allow fantasy, once again, to mis-take. 1970: imagine an island, and a six-year-old fascinated by language perhaps best understood underwater or in the shade. Planes, continents and pages later, there is music and memory, yet that uncertain addresses... are you reading me? Respond in any nuanced language. Call ★★5497.

Italian/Fiery-Maverick Guitarist & Real!!

RU: Red/blond; pale; monogamous; uncut? (These aren't obsessions, OK?!)—integrity; direct? I desire a soulmate-lifemate. I'm: hairy; green-eyed; 210; HIV-; shaved & bald head (Gurdjief/ Oliver Reed) above average looks (it's relative). 38; mesomorph/husky; (furniture mover); sensitive; earthy; forward thinking. Cuddle/ tactile/ versatile (no Greek pass.) honest; nurturing. R.D. Laing/ Krishnamurti/ Blackberries/ Bergman/ Humane/ Cats/ not jaded/ intense/ Satori/ intelligent/ masculine/ nonstereotype/ reader/ artist/ explorer. Smiles. Call ★★5498.

Sex

Looking for good, old-fashioned sex friend? Me, too. I'm 45, 5′10″, 165#, blond, blue, moustache, furry, fit, masculine, HIV-. Your basic, versatile, hot daddy. You: 30+/-, beardless, fit, HIV-, emotionally available. Maybe some bondage but no hostages. You like to talk and sex is part of the conversation. If the chemistry is right, let's do it on a regular basis. Call ★★5499.

Looking for Black Daddy

Tall (6′3″), handsome GWM, trim muscular build (180#), 38, athletic with big, strong hairy legs, blue eyes, moustache, easygoing, sense of humor, on the shy side but no pushover. Looking for mature GBM, HIV- (I am), someone masculine but gentle, sensitive, playful, intelligent, verbal. Hairy, uncut & husky A+, but more interested in you as a person, your passion and compassion. Call ★★5500.

Dope, Guns & F*cking

31 y.o. rebel, dark features, 5′8″, 130 lbs., likes adventure, tattoos, punk, things uncommon; also stable quiet times. Looking for other guys who are skinny and cute, who like to get f*cked and also for quality friendship and other fun. No! sex stars, gym stars, junkies or narcissists, please. PO Box 410244, SF 94141 or call ★★5501.

Former BMOC

Class VP, football captain, 8 varsity letters—but I wanted to be homecoming queen! Where is my king? To join this homecoming court, you like the outdoors, books, museums, and are part of the "in" crowd. I'm 6′3″, 205#, 25 y.o., East Bay GWM. I have worked through my tiara-envy, yet still aspire to instill world peace. Join my reign. Photo & letter appreciated. Reply BT Box JA108B or call ★★5502.

Relationship Ready

GWM, 5′8″, 150 lbs., br/br, cleanshaven, well-educated with crazy sense of humor and strong romantic streak. Love dining, travel, the arts, ocean walks, the country, keeping fit, quiet nights, caring, safe, imaginative sex. I'm 42 but look and think younger. Considered attractive. You're like me—sexual, sensual, warm, loving, sincere, funny, communicative, huggable, affectionate, HIV-, cleanshaven and know what you want—hopefully a long, happy relationship. If you're 30-45, Caucasian/European and interested (returnable photo if you can) please write. All replies answered. Reply BT Box JA109B.

95 Pairs of Panties

Think of the possibilities. Secret fantasies (your other lovers don't understand) of sliding faces and dicks over men's asses and crotches in satin panties. For men who love to play with/in panties. Hot safe sex with mostly top GWM professional, 170, 5′11″, balding, gym-toned. Also lots of cum-stained, stiff panties that have fallen from favor—free to good home—tell me how you'll use them. Call ★★5503.

Suit to Suit

This professionally suited man is looking for another who doesn't mind dressing for dinner or dates. You just can't wear jeans everywhere; sometimes they're best for quiet nights at home. 34, GWM, br/gr, tall, attractive, winning smile, looking for stable, masculine man, 30-50, no drugs, NS, light alcohol, goal-oriented but not obsessed. Dating should be fun, romantic and spontaneous, and yes, I believe a monogamous relationship can happen. So, if you'd like to try going out, drop me a line or Voice Mail. Can travel Bay Area. All responses answered. Reply BT Box JA110B or call ★★5504.

I Wanna Be Loved With Inspiration

GWM, 28, 5′11″, 175, brown hair/eyes, cleanshaven, Greek/Austrian ancestry. Strong, independent, spiritual, love music and love to write, well-educated but always learning. Looking for another self-reliant, self-loving individual who believes that building a partnership only enhances the journey and that romance between two men is not only possible, but essential. Call ★★5505.

Earrings, Noserings & Titrings

are fine... But I prefer a regular guy without the fluff. He would be described as a GWM, masculine, slender to average build, warmhearted, unpretentious, a sense of humor & sure of his sexuality. I'm a GWM, 39, 140, 5′8″, brn hair & eyes, masculine, honest and sincere. Looking to meet other regular guys for friendship and more. Reply BT Box JA111B.

Let's Fuck

Lube and rubbers are ready and waiting. Let's kiss and play and see who lands on top. I'm 37, 5′11″, 185#, handsome. In good shape, with red beard, blue eyes and a libido that doesn't quit. You're hairy, playful, may be a decided top, bottom, or switch. If it works out we could become steady fuckbuddies. Letter and photo. Reply BT Box JA112B or call ★★5506.

Are You Out There?

Attractive young GWM seeks GAM under 30 for a relationship. I am 5′7″, blond, 155 lbs., HIV-. I have many interests from working out to traveling. I am sincere and serious about having a relationship with someone special. I am looking for

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someone who is sincere, honest and fun-loving like myself. You will never know what could happen unless you call. Let's talk. Call ★★5507.

Penny Loafers and White Sox
are what this GWM, 34, 5'10", br/bl, 155 lbs., is looking to find on a GWM (18-35) so I can slip them off and work your barefeet over with my tongue and fingers. Clean, well-trimmed, soft, ticklish especially need to call now for immediate response. I won't stop at your pretty feet! Call ★★5508.

Desperately Seeking Snugglebuddy
Sleepy, cuddly and cute Q/GWM, 22, 6'1", 160, rdsh blnd/grn, seeks warm-blooded snugglebuddy (18-37ish) for regular Sunday afternoon naps. PJs optional. Friendship, sex and marriage are all possibilities, but none are guaranteed. Please be handsome, friendly, flexible, cuddly and monogamous. Don't be sex-crazed, gargantuan, wicked, a smoker or a junkie. Special consideration given to both smooth young boys and muscular, hairy-chested men. Call ★★5509.

Together Forever
I want to share life with a kind, intelligent GAM or GWM. I'm 31, GWM, 5'8", slender, and recently completed my Ph.D. I seek someone who, like me, is intelligent, honest, gentle, romantic and has strong values. If you are 25 to 35, slim, and a nonsmoker, and if you want a lasting monogamous relationship, I will respond! PO Box 14081, Berkeley 94701.

Still a Virgin
GWM, 18 wants to meet good-looking, masculine and athletic men for fun times. I'm good-looking, 5'10", 164 lbs., cut 7", masculine with a toned, muscular build. I enjoy swimming, cycling, weights and volleyball. I like movies, music, talking and reading. I'm HIV- and do not use drugs or smoke. I want to meet a few nice guys to get naked with and see what happens. I'm new at this and my first ad was disappointing. So if you think I would want to get naked with you, show me what I can look forward to. You won't be disappointed in me. Please send photos or video along with a letter to: PO Box 273673, Concord 94527-3673.

Cum Into the New Year
with a professional GWM who enjoys the company of youthful men; me: 50, 5'9", 180, muscular, gym-toned, HIV-, graying beard/moustache, cut, beautiful-shaved-large-low-hangers, sense of humor, enjoy the outdoors, and getting it on indoors; I am drug-free; you, 18-35, muscular, dependable, conversational, cuddly, sensual, enjoy massage, any race; us: fr/gr a/p, safe; casual ok, something more permanent welcome. Call ★★5510.

Asian Seeker
GAM, 5'7", 135, very handsome and young 40s, HIV-, seeks other GAM or GM, any race, for relationship and/or friendship. Am energetic, fit, healthy, flexible, open, and stable, with many interests. Prefer that you be nonsmoker, in control of your life, healthy and balanced. Send/leave phone and photo, if possible, to DP, PO Box 471583, SF 94147 or call ★★5511.

I Date Straight
and bi blue collar types, 25-45. I'm 43, 6'1", 175 lbs., attractive, in Sonoma County. Erotic safe sex & cuddling. No substance abusers please. Attitude more important than endowment. Thick fingers & thighs a plus. No jewelry or cheap shoes. Underwear fetish and facial hair turn ons. PO Box 2538, Guerneville 95446 or call ★★5512.

Leather Boy Seeks Dad
Attractive GWM, 27, blond, facial hair, 5'10", in great shape, HIV+, mostly bottom, into leather, camping, comedy, romance, pets, weightlifting. Sexually I enjoy bondage, titplay, WS, FF. Looking for a hot daddy for good times and possible monogamous relationship. Call ★★5513.

Meet Some of Your Needs
by spending quality time with handsome GWM with humor, integrity, sensitivity and a positive spirit. Interested in meeting a masculine GWM, 28-45, through sharing, caring, work and play. Long-term relationship could develop with the right man. I'm masculine, versatile, 37, 170#, 5'11", hairy, aerobicized. Interests: outdoors, varied social life, performance/visual arts and good food. You are secure at 6'+, weight proportional to height; muscular and hairy a plus. Photo a must to: Boxholder, PO Box 3163, SF 94119.

German-Italian Looking for Latin
Single; free-spirited; always looking for fun. Enjoy the park & beach with my dog. Have bike & bug will travel. Enjoy someone independent & laid back. I work hard but enjoy partying & leisure time. Enjoy hot weather; go to Mexico once a year. Brown hair; blue eyes; 5'10"; 165 lbs., 35 yrs., firm. Reply BT Box JA113B or call ★★5514.

Immortalized
Artist looking for men who would like to be included in genre paintings of men being affectionate with one another, such as jet fighter pilots embracing, football players passionately kissing, construction workers sharing affection, etc. Objective of artwork is to stage and catalogue passion and romance as expressed by male world stereotypes. I'm a GWM, 37, 5'11", 170#, br/hzl, hairy and am open to physical as well as creative exchanges. Photo a must to: Artist, PO Box 3163, SF 94119.

*** Point Blank ***
Looking for outdoorsy, rugged, boy-next-door type man who'd look great on a motorcycle or in a business suit. A wolf in sheep's clothing. Open-minded, smart, independent, conversational, cute, fit and full of sexual stamina to complement me: a cute, well-built GBM who's slightly progressive, colorful, creative, energetic, outgoing and very casual about life. For friendship, fun and definitely more. All else is relative. Call ★★5515.

Young, Single and HIV-Positive
Young artistic type looking to meet people who are trying to cope with the dating world single and being positive (HIV), and who might even want to form some sort of support group. Let's get together. Please reply to PO Box 77773, SF 94107.

C&C
Bright, humorous, Jewish (non-religious) GWM seeks Caucasian/ Jewish/ Native American 20-35/ Asian, 20-50 for cuddling and conversation. I'm 39, trim/stocky, bald, graying, hairy, HIV-, bi-friendly; enjoy language, Asian popular music, walking, Asian/Jewish culture. You have full head of hair and interests you enjoy sharing. We're nonsmokers, non-druggers, non-/light drinkers, cleanshaven. (Beyond these, height, weight, build, endowment, looks not particularly important. If you're under 150#, it would help if you're aggressive in bed.) Please write Boxholder, PO Box 190188, Rincon Center, SF 94119 or call ★★5516. (English/Cantonese).

Positive Seeking Positive
Intimate friends/ spiritual co-workers/ lovers/ tantra partners who also value inner growth/ healing/ regeneration via the path of the spiritual warrior (mystical pagan/ christianity/ eastern esotericism, etc.), simple close-to-nature, non-mainstream, non-consumerist lifestyle, and the quality of times shared together over the quantity. Myself: GWM, 41, HIV+, 5'10", 148 lbs., brwn/brwn; intelligent, intuitive, affectionate, compassionate, broadminded yet discerning, off-beat sense of humor, open to learning and new experiences, moderate in my indulgences, socially naive and hence vulnerable, undernurtured and touch-starved; overcoming cynicism, moodiness, high inertia, shyness. Others describe me as a "hot" man, a catalyst for personal growth, a male "mother," "more an angel than a faerie." I enjoy trips to my mountain retreat, gardening, vision quests, meditation, long sessions of tantric sex, massage, music (traditional ethnic, new age, Baroque and acoustical folk), painting and crafts, sunbathing, short hikes, walks on the beach, simpling for herbs, collecting rocks, alchemical research, classic 8-bit computing, et al. Not into popular culture, "gay" or otherwise, and generally avoid large crowds, loud people, movies/TV, athletic events, gyms, bars, nightclubs, rock/ jazz/ other cacophony, formal dress occasions, leather/ sm/ bd, and orthodox religionists. You share similar values, interests, and temperament, and probably already had some type of spiritual awakening; age, appearance, endowments are secondary. Pluses—blond/ blue/ thin/ long hair/ average endowment/ passive top, active bottom/ like yabyum. More? We prefer liberation to bondage, the sensuous to the sensual; "soft" sex more than "hard" sex, intimacy over anonymity, regeneration instead of annihilation. Reply BT Box JA114B or call ★★5517.

Where Are You?
GWM, 33, 5'8", 165, br/br, Spanish/Italian, slight moustache. I've tried almost every way possible to write an ad that would attract you. You're about my age and height, smooth, clean-cut, HIV-, looking for someone who is honest, witty and passionate. You're independent and sexy. You want a friend or possible relationship. And you're reading this ad and thinking, "Yes, no, maybe." Well, maybe it's time you call. Call ★★5518.

Emotional Closeness
Romantic dinners and walks on the beach are easy. It's what comes later that's challenging—acknowledging our complete self (fears, vulnerabilities and all). This exceptional professional (GWM, 38) welcomes handsome companion who discusses feelings and knows his own "stuff." Wanting monogamous HIV- partner, unafraid of anger and conflicts. Sharing my view that relationships are powerful, spiritual journeys to heal childhood wounds—unfolding to more pleasure and self-awareness. Also, seeking friend(s) for backyard gardening. Nonsmokers, non-drinkers please. Photos appreciated. Reply BT Box JA115B.

Masculine and Horny
Seeking attractive, masculine guys that are tired of sitting at home with a reputation you wish was true. And would like to meet someone for some good, intimate sex and maybe some fun times. I would! I'm 6'2", blue eyes, brown hair, swimmer's build, personable, sincere, and fun to be with. Guys 25-50, with similar or alike traits, where are you? Call ★★5519.

Sex-Driven Geeks
Sexy, cynical and unaffected guy with a streak of smart-ass mordancy and a healthy sense of the absurd. Into world literature, politics, poetry, music, sex, clubs and sexclubs and seeks demonic, self-willed, heterodox misfits who are literate, sexy, sarcastic, absent intellectual pretensions, and like to fuck. Sound like you? Me: 26, 155, 5'11" & seek similar. Call ★★5520.

From San Diego
New to San Francisco, GWM, 32, 6', 165#, masculine, br/br, athletic, HIV-, medium hairy, nonsmoker, moustache, professional seeks friendship/relationship with bud around my age. I enjoy kissing, oral sex, and sleeping together. You're GWM, 20-40 years old, HIV-, with brains as well as looks. Looking for quiet, sensitive type who doesn't normally answer ads. Photo appreciated. PO Box 31893, SF 94131 or call ★★5521.

Mensch Alert!
Mama's boy sought by transplanted New Yorker commonly mistaken for GJM. Prolonged exposure to Jewish boyfriends, therapists, pals and Woody Allen movies have rendered this 30-year-old atheist mutt an honorary pseudo-Jew. I'm 5'9", 175, with blue-green eyes and trendy facial hair appropriate for my writing profession. You've never considered rabbinical school, but look the part. Together we'll enjoy movies/ pop music/ dining out, have intimate conversations and mourn the removal of our foreskins. Write me at 2215-R Market St., #452, SF 94114 or call ★★5522.

Opposites Attract
Short HIV- guy seeks taller HIV- top man (35-45) to build a life together. Our goal: best friends and lovers in a caring, comfortable, monogamous partnership. I'm a handsome GWM, look 35 (you guess), 5'5", 130#, brown/hazel, moustache, with a sexy body and expressive eyes. I'm talented, affectionate, emotionally available, have many interests and a healthy lifestyle. Here are some examples of things I'd enjoy doing with you: dancing the night away slow dancing/two-stepping; escaping for the weekend to a mountain cabin; cuddling in front of a roaring fire; exploring new places and restaurants; walking just about anywhere with our arms around one another; holding a party for friends and family; sharing ideas, experiences and feelings. You're definitely good-looking, fit, confidently masculine, romantic, playful, outdoorsy (?), with a healthy sexual appetite. Both of us are drug/ smoke/ attitude-free, committed to working through problems, and able to let each other know what's in our hearts. I don't believe in Mr. Right. But I do believe two loving men can create a relationship that's right for them. If this one sounds right for you, then please write and include a photo (will return): Occupant, PO Box 14481, SF 94114-4481 or call ★★5523.

Santa Rosa
Special and unique, 50, 6'3", handsome, dynamic, loving, caring, gentle, deep, and fun to be with. I like lots of touching, kissing, bodily contact and long horizontal times with the right person. I have a full life, yet am missing a close personal relationship that could be defined in many ways. I love hiking, tennis, camping, movies and my friends. I don't like opera, classical music or elegant dining. Looking for someone who is not afraid to give, receive, or process when the time comes (and it will). You could be from 40 to 55 and the rest just depends, doesn't it. No smokers or drugs. Reply PO Box 2204, Santa Rosa 95405 or call ★★5524.

Young Professional
Reasonably successful at bars, but I'm real tired of them. Me: GWM, mature 24, br/br, 5'11", 205#, "football player" build, HIV-, cleanshaven, professional, imaginative, handsome, masculine. Grew up in NYC. Came to Bay Area for college and stayed. Looking to meet intelligent, humorous, motivated guys, no drugs, HIV-. Some of my interests: movies, reading, skiing, bridge & conversation. Prefer under 33, GWM & cleanshaven. Looking for relationships and new friends. Let's meet and see if there's chemistry. Reply BT Box JA116B or call ★★5525.

Tall, Uncut and Over 40?
The first two are because that's what turns me on the most; the third is because that's something I believe gives a relationship with this young 54-year-old a better chance. I'm 6'1", 175#, uncut, thick lt. brn/hazel, HIV-. No dominance, submission, drugs, alcohol, smoke. Love classical music, intimacy, touching, freedom to be oneself. Box 39, 1800 Market St., SF 94102 or call ★★5526.

Lust Starved
and hoping for this: an ongoing, mutually satisfying sexual partnership with one very sexy, unique male. Interested guys should find themselves attracted to the following—6'1", 165 lbs., 27 years old, red/brown hair, green eyes, great smile, quite handsome looks, boyish charm. Besides the physical, an appreciation/ demand for fun, sensuality, humor, happiness, honesty, consideration, sincerity, hip-ness, adventure, intelligence, stimulation, and an easy-going spirit is encouraged. Samples of shared interests might include art books, friends, good food, film, sex, travel, pot, toys, culture, sweets, society, life. A few qualifications for you—hot, sensitive, insatiable, nice body, Italian or Latin, kissing aficionado, dying to meet someone like me. Reply BT Box JA117B.

Where the Fuck Are You?
Blacks, hairies, couples for kinky, raunchy, W/S, master/slave, V/A, sex only. No strings, phone, hobbie, etc. crap. Prefer SF dudes in their 40s who know their ass from a hole in the ground. 29-cents SASE, use 29-cents for gritty details, forget the B.S. Let's get our shit together. Your place or mine? Drink/smoke and ?? Early PM scenes for ?? hrs. Reply BT Box JA118B.

'Bout to Give Up
GAM, 24 yrs. old, 5'8", 180 lbs. Ready to settle down with someone and feel secure. Preferably Caucasian, 25 or older, thoughtful, understanding, successful, will pamper me, build dreams/ goals together. I'm going thru a lot as of now and it may be you who can help me make it. Reply/ photo, D.C., PO Box 31534, Oakland 94604 or call ★★5527.

You're the Top!
Sociable GWM: clean-cut, masculine professional, 41, 5'8", 160. Honest communicator. HIV+. Occasional alcohol. Smoke: cig/grass. Hobbies: cooking, movies, baking, walking, reading, travel, gym. Enjoy spontaneity, cuddling, hugging, kissing, petting, dirty-talk. Exclusively FA/GP. Bedroom fantasies: dad/son; wearing women's panties over my ripe, bubble-butted ass-pussy; face-fucking. Your reply Must include: current photo, detailed self-description including interests, and self-addressed stamped envelope. Reply BT Box JA119B or call ★★5528.

Definitive Words
Helpful letters & numbers: GWM, 45, brn/brn, 6'4", 220 lbs., 4 with a 3 wing, ENFP, HIV-, 135 IQ, 7". Applicable adjectives: affectionate, educated, enthusiastic, funny, good-looking, profound, sensitive, sensual, sexy, and even spiritual (from Anglican-Zen). Topic sentence: I am looking for a committed relationship and some new friends. If this sounds good, call and tell me who you are and what you want. Call ★★5529.

East Bay
Attractive, complex, intelligent GWM, 38, 6', 180, HIV-, fun in bed and a great kisser, so I'm told. Interests include gardening, CW dancing, computers, cooking, emotional honesty. Looking for man of similar stats, 32-43, for friendship, and if the chemistry is right a lot more, maybe a boyfriend for awhile or a lover for life. Prefer nonsmoker. PO Box 28701, Oakland 94604 or call ★★5530.

After Christmas Special
No high-tech gizmos or tasteless chatchkas; his gift is this ad. He's a little shy, but I'll tell you he's also the best. Smart, funny, interested and interesting. Great at languages, business, shopping and entertaining. Cooks well in kitchen and bedroom. Impresses friends and family with excellent conversation and manners. Baby-faced, 41, medium height and weight, clean-shaven, HIV-, and nonsmoker. If you're wonderful in several ways, can use "penultimate" correctly in a sentence, and are basically fun and together, Reply BT Box JA120B or call ★★5531.

Unaffected Femme Seeks Hairy Man
for steady, part-time playmate. I'm a bi, male, 42, 5'8", fit 137 lbs., natural cross-dresser, genuinely but not exaggeratedly feminine, who's aroused by kissing a hairy face, being sensuously undressed by strong hands, and snuggling up against a hairy body. Older men welcome. I'm affectionate, caring and open-minded, so let me know what turns you on. Call ★★5532.

Oakland Midnight Rambler
GJM nudist, exhibitionist, voyeur, masculine, aggressive, strictly into visual and verbal phallic intimacy, with heavy mutual verbal action while drinking, smoking, consuming "party" type substances. Available late nite only—East Bay. Not into mirrors, couples, videos, shaving or other distractions. For serious-minded and sincere only, not little curiosity seekers. Call ★★5533.

21 Y.O. Student
Outdoor oriented, mountain bike riding, politically active student (gd-lkng, QWM, br/br, 5'8", 140 lbs.) who spends a lot of time pondering sexuality, relationships, commitment, political correctness, and postmodernity, really just needs to get laid. Someone funny, sensitive, intellectual and articulate would be great, but gorgeous, superficial and dumb will do. Please, no Republicans, patriots or fans of "Dances With Wolves." Call ★★5534.

Looking for an Outsider
You are white, under 50, sober, smoke/drug free, cleanshaven, average condition, desiring to improve with a buddy. You do not fit into the gay scene. Bars, loud music & shallow displays of affection which pass for friendship or love. You are financially responsible, intelligent, enjoy a good laugh, spectator sports, classical music, theater, travel, swimming, scuba, the ocean, warm climates or many of the above. You are lonely, want one person to play, fall in love and grow with. I'm 43, white and anxious to meet you. Call ★★5535.

Naked Words
I'm not anything like you expect—but life is a compulsion, filled as you please. Me: 43, 170, 6'2", brown, blue, HIV-, hedonistic and ascetic quiet and daring, happy in hard rain or warm massage, intelligent and childlike, logical and poetic, living in balance with the earth, and living in the Castro. You: willing to try. Be my friend. Call ★★5536.

Older Teddy Bear Wanted
by GAM, 32 years old, slim, attractive, interesting. You are good natured, of any race or economic level, not conceited, materialistic or too unattractive. South Bay Bear preferred. Call ★★5537.

Shared Journey
Warm and attractive GWM, 52, 5'10", 175, blue eyes, moustache and (new) beard, seeks attractive masculine man for dating and possible long-term mate. Interests include outdoors, hiking, gardening, fitness and health. I'm HIV-, nonsmoker and would prefer same. You are perhaps 10-15 years younger, have a good sense of humor, and are easy to be around. Balding and hairy plusses. Outdoors oriented triple plusses. Call ★★5538.

Black Connections
is a local, hot, sex-oriented contact club for Black men & hot men who lust for Black studs! This is not for profit but for fun and safe connections. For more info., send SASE to: BC, c/o PO Box 3271, Daly City 94015 or call ★★5539. Tell your Black pals.

Gap Man
Are you too? If so you are what I'm looking for. Me, East Bay GWM, mature 23 y.o., 6'1", 215#, Matt Williams (SF Giants) looking. I'm searching for that Gap-like man. I enjoy baseball, outdoors, music, cooking, art & Italian food. Fun-loving and love to laugh. If this is you please respond. Letter and photo appreciated. Both will be returned. Reply BT Box JA121B or call ★★5540.

San Mateo
GWM new to Bay Area looking for mutual oral action. I'm 50, 6', 170#, blond and fair. Prefer 25-40, gay or bi. Regular basis or one timers, give me a call. Call ★★5541.

In Quest of....
a GM, 23-33, interested in toys, toons, reading, shopping, cooking, architecture, movies, the outdoors, gym workouts, honesty, spontaneity, and erotic adventures. I am 32, HIV-, in shape GWM. I weigh 210 pounds, have blond hair, hazel green eyes, clean-shaven, and I have a hairy chest and legs. I like to have fun, how about you? Photo and descriptive letter with telephone number. Call ★★5542.

Glasses and Facial Hair?
Maybe it's the combination of the cerebral and the animal—I don't know. But I do know I'm attracted to men with glasses and beards or moustaches. I am 34, 5'7", 165 lbs., have dark brown hair and beard, blue eyes and wear glasses. I enjoy hiking, camping, music (classical, jazz and folk), theater, reading, spirituality, and cultivating friendships. Let's meet soon! Call ★★5543.

2 for 1 Special
Attractive couple looking for singles and couples for play. We enjoy our time together but after four years looking to share with others. Come enjoy the New Year. Both 30-something, good-looking and workout. One: 6'2", 190, br., moustache, hairy. Other: 6'11", 170, br., cleanshaven, hairy. You: good-looking, in shape, 25-40, please send photo and phone. Reply BT Box JA122B or call ★★5544.

Do You Like to Sodomize Young Guys?
23 y.o. GWM, slim, br/bl, cute, submissive, would service a very handsome, dominant top father. I'll suck your hard cock and watch it penetrate my very tight asshole while I compliment your very well-built chest. Very muscular men with great firm body only. Sex-oriented relationship. Call ★★5545.

Looking 4 Daddy
to take care of me, to feed me, clothe me, support me, love me, sex me in exchange for room in your abode. You? Sincere, sweet, loving, secure, successful, wealthy. Me? Age 26, tight and muscular, college educated, submissive, green eyes. And trying to save money for travel as well as life's little pleasures. Can you help me? Call ★★5546.

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things to do. I'm looking for a good-looking guy between, say, 28 and 42, to enjoy life with. I'm a handsome, romantic 41-year-old goofball who loves music, movies, walking, warmth, hugging and snuggling. Write me or call me and make me smile. Reply BT Box JA123B or call ★★5547.

Reach Out—

Wanted: younger brother, friend or lover, under 30, any race to share good times, interests, weekend outings, intimate moments. I am GAM, 5'9", 150 lbs., together, stable & mature, easy to get along with, very affectionate, caring & supportive as well as hopelessly passionate. A plus for any person willing to be loved to excess. Discretion assured if just coming out. Call ★★5548.

Coffee and Chemistry??

Tall and very slender GWM, 36, curly brown hair/moustache, green bespectacled eyes, HIV-, interested in meeting tall and trim HIV- men, 30 to 42, of any color. Moustache or trim beard a big plus. Humor, honesty, communication, health (no smoke/drugs/heavy drink) important. Liberalism, creative and intellectual pursuits very helpful. I'm open if you are—let's have coffee and see what happens!! Call ★★5549.

Thumbnail Sketch:

Enthusiastic, energetic, romantic, creative 24-year-old student, lean, fit and clean-cut, East Bay dweller, sometimes lonely, always idealistic. I'm seeking companionship and possible chemistry with other authentic young men. I can't abide emotional blackmail, psychological games, or spiritual sterility. I do believe in honest communication, spontaneous passion, unabashed creativity, exploring wildernesses, appreciating silences, amorous embraces, spirited adventures, steadfast loyalty and late mornings in bed. Write and tell me what makes you feel alive. Reply BT Box JA124B.

PWA Looking for PWA/HIV+, HIV-

for friendship, possible romance, sex, appreciation of the arts or any combination of the above. I like to read, write, go to movies, arrange flowers, camp, design jewelry, be silly, explore the city and enjoy "Star Trek." I'd like to meet someone interested in any of this or willing to introduce me to their interests—someone who is honest in expressing themselves and enjoys meeting new people and experiencing new things. I look forward to meeting you. Reply BT Box JA125B or call ★★5550.

For My Birthday

I would like to meet a man (35-45), not a boy. A man who appreciates himself, his abilities and skills, but never has to talk about them. A fresh crisp suit (business) turns me on as well as a naked body in hot Italian leather, not the 90-dollar special leather jacket sold at Headlines. A man who can enjoy substances at times but not dependent on them to get through life. Levi's that are faded with cowboy boots catches my eyes. A man that knows what comes from the heart is more important than what position he assumes in the bedroom. A man that knows that counting pennies just keeps him from earning dollars. My man knows that having a great body is part of feeling good about yourself, not just a tool to catch a trick. A man who loves animals and respects nature scores points. To add to my birthday wish list: HIV- would be nice, an appreciation of Jewish neurosis would be helpful, a great wit and a good sense of humor would be much appreciated. My birthday man would be into adventure as well as spontaneity (like Paris for the weekend). If you're out there and are willing to make a commitment to a loving relationship you will have added that very special piece of my 35 years of life! Reply BT Box JA126B or call ★★5551.

The Recipe Works!

Time to pull out my relationship recipe book and mix up a batch of love muffins. The main ingredients are: GLM, 40 yrs old, healthy & happy HIV+, 5'9", 155 lbs., uncut, deep dark eyes with touches of grey. Blend with camping, hiking, biking, dancing, cooking, listening to C/W, jazz and all types of music, add a few pinches of hugs & kisses, dashes of morning coffee & cartoons, a couple of measures of sexual variety and a few drops of vanilla. Add to this 1 GWM, 30-45, 5'10"+, not a gym or bar bunny, nor into pretense, drugs or alcohol, capable of commitment and honesty and as much a homebody as an adventurer. Mix well with a large instrument and cook at varied temperatures until well done. If you have the same recipe or would like to compare write with a returnable photo & see what we can cook up!! Reply BT Box JA127B or call ★★5552.

Magic and Sparks

really do happen. Although rare, they happen by chance. Our world changes. Tunnel vision occurs. I, a 38 y.o. GWM, 5'11", 165, blk/blu, very hairy, muscular, handsome, HIV-, see you in my dreams and reach out to hold you tightly. A GWM, 28-40, around 5'7", weight proportionate, handsome face, mostly bottom, far from passive, HIV- and desiring to sweep and be swept away. You accept my need for privacy, but can stimulate my need for companionship and love. You enjoy good wine, nice restaurants, occasional pot and don't mind my being a considerate smoker. Reply BT Box JA128B or call ★★5553.

I'm a Smoker

Professional GWM, 35 yrs. old, HIV-, 6', 200 lbs., auburn, green, moustache, would love to meet a sensitive, caring man my age or younger for friendship and hopefully relationship. I enjoy theater, movies and dancing and love massaging and cuddling. You should have a good sense of humor and love to laugh. I know blind dates are risky—please take the risk with me. Leave a message. Call ★★5554.

Leather Submissive Sought

Experienced Leather Daddy seeks leather boy (25-40) to please this man. Some experience required—not a one-time fling or fantasy trip. Promised—adventure in SM! Bonding through training. Permanent position. Must know what to do with your mouth. This man is stable, real and sensual—you be bright, eager to learn and please and be affectionate. I will teach you the rest. Call ★★5555.

Blue Collar Buddy

Looking for a tall, masculine, blue collar stud that wants hot, sweaty sex on a regular basis. Kickback and relax, you deserve it. HIV- only. Write: Boxholder, PO Box 1062, Daly City 94017-1062 or call ★★5556.

Phone Slave

Good-looking submissive slut looking for creative dominant for occasional hot phone sex. I like B/D, spanking, deep sucking, gang-bangs, dildoes, etc. Make me do it your way. Drop me a note with interests and phone number. You won't be disappointed. Discreet. Reply PO Box 3151, Oakland 94609.

Monterey Area Nudist

40, WM, 6', 160, brown/hazel, average build, seeks other male nudists for social, recreational activities. Nonsexual friendship only. Prefer mid-40s or younger—high school, college students welcome. Pen pals welcome. Nudist group forming. Also seeking individuals with self-contained motor homes who would be interested in clothing optional living situation on 100 acres private, secluded, very rustic private property. Contact Box 0406-BT, Gonzales, CA 93926 or call ★★5557.

Straight-Looking

guys really turn me on. I'm 29, 6'1", 150 lbs., firm & slender, moustache & long hair. I'm seeking jerk-off & suck-off buddies for casual or regular encounters. (SF only please.) Photo exchange required—I'll return yours if requested (or xerox OK). Call ★★5558.

Outdoor "Buddies"

GWM, 30, br., gr., 185. Energetic, masculine, hairy, versatile, healthy, HIV-, intelligent, self-aware, focused, successful musician seeks similar "buddy" (25-40) for outdoor (and indoor) adventures (hiking, biking...). Interests: beaches (Black Sands), mountains, the arts, theater, music (esp. jazz, vocalists, classical), movies. Not into bar scene. Health-oriented, non-substance and light alcohol. Nonsmokers only! Attracted to people, not bodies or attitudes. Call ★★5559.

Chunkable Loveable

QJM, 26, 6'4", HIV-, 220, handsome, huggable lbs. Extremely mellow, highly aware Cajun/Jew/Native American with earthy, direct disposition and easy smile. I'm a smoker who enjoys late night cafe conversations, early morning pillow talk and culinary expeditions. This well traveled and literate para professional is open to meeting all types of men under 40 who are interested in developing an intimate friendship. Life is too short. Call ★★5560.

Outdoor Adventurer

GWM, 31, 6'2", 170, brown/green, HIV-, nonsmoker looking to meet a masculine guy under 40, also HIV- nonsmoker, who enjoys the outdoors. I like mountain/road biking, hiking, backpacking and want to learn XC skiing. I'm intelligent, easygoing, in good shape, and want to find a guy interested in dating who shares the desire to be in a monogamous relationship. If you love the outdoors, call ★★5561.

Politically and Socially Incorrect

Nice, attractive, personable Southern man seeks dark-haired furburgers (hairy men). Me: 6'5", 180, lt. brwn, green, decent body. Moustache, bearded GWM. Jazz, country music, swing, bike rider, sometime runner, walker, love outdoors in all types weather. You: tall, short or in-between, bald or with hair, small dick or large, as long as I like you, the person, it doesn't matter. I am down to earth, real, honest, loving, super kisser and cuddler, employed, looking for similar type. Not into bars, all night partying, or dancing my ass off. Look and act and live a pretty straight life. Some body hair is a must. Love uncut also. Reply PO Box 10966, Oakland 94610 or call ★★5562.

After the Thin Man

who's GWM, HIV-, dark-haired, tall, bright, mature, grounded, organized, nonsmoker, light drinker, romantic, high self-esteeming, knows he damn well deserves a loving relationship and is willing to make time for one. (Obsessed with money? culture? bars? Look elsewhere.) If this is an accurate description of you (big feet, body hair, bright smile are nice pluses) respond if you want a GWM, HIV-, 5'10", 170#, light brown hair, gray-green eyes, hairy, an extremely youthful and vibrant 52, writer/athlete, honest, manly, bright, down-to-earth, civilized blue collar, who likes movies, cooking, hiking, working out, afterglow and quality time at home. Call ★★5563.

Easy Truths Matter Most

I'm looking for a few good-hearted men to date. A compatible guy would be a lot of fun and grins to talk with, and would be calm, lean, athletic, and enthusiastic, like me. I'm 46, HIV-, 5'11", 145#, GWM, confident enough about appearances but too solitary, kinda real yet still idealistic. Am aerobic, exercise daily, do not smoke, drink little, like to learn and listen. Fair play, humor, lean athletic physical attraction are all good goals to mention here. Let's talk. Call ★★5564.

Simplicity

In my atempts at being artsy-fartsy and cute with the text and contents of this first-time personal ad, the mantra "be honest and all will follow" will not desert my thoughts. I am a vulnerable, exciting, creative, caring, normal, well-rounded, warm, sometimes shy, mature, forever angelic 24-year-old guy. Physical appearance: 5'10", 160 lbs., blond hair, steel-blue eyes, fair skin and nice, lean build. Interior: Incredibly beautiful heart and soul. Definitely not into the gay scene; looooooove being gay. I appreciate my belief and love for a god, thunderous house music, Sunday morning at Guaymas, child-like innocence, honesty, the Louvre, horticulture, morning hard-ons, spontaneity, asking for what I want, silk boxers, crayolas & margaritas, sharing, fresh laundry, moderation, Gaudi architecture, clean motives, whispering, letting down my walls, grand gourmet dinners, gratitude, the cool underside of a pillow, garlic, laughing at myself, making love (yes, with feelings and emotions), reciprocity, warm waters, playing/working hard, freesias, candles by the tub, London, positive attitudes, validation, being lazy, the incredible Mother Nature, intimacy, Europe.... and I could go on and on and on. I would enjoy hearing from Emotionally Available, quality men between the ages of 25 and 45 who are interested in establishing a new friendship built on trust & respect and who are open to experiencing the wonderful possibilities of such a relationship. Not interested in the size of your cock, ex-lovers and/or ex-boyfriends; the capacity of your heart will make the difference. Please enclose photo (guaranteed return) with your descriptive response. Reply BT Box JA129B.

Black and White—There's Nothing Better!!

Italian man sought by Black man, 30, 6', 160, good lkg/body/life, genuine, articulate, romantic seeks well-built masculine/muscular Italian for life-long 1:1. Share fitness, travel, Italy, movies, books, art and more. Prefer hot Italian looks, 28-50, over 5'9", HIV-, no smk/drugs. Italian speaking, hairy thighs, and children a+. Ltr/photo/phone—PO Box 410070, SF 94141-0070 or call ★★5565. Ciao Bello, Grazie.

Vous Parlez Francais?

19 y.o. GAM student, French-speaking, 5'9", 150 lbs., attractive, funny, sensitive, caring, honest, is hoping to find a sincere GM, 19-28, to fall in love with. Preferably a student, gdlkg (decent), fit, stable (emotionally) to share sexual & emotional intimacy. Similar in ideas (OK) but remember that opposites attract! Like me he is independent, unique, healthy (HIV-), inexperienced, safe, romantic, fun and willing to dedicate to a meaningful relationship. Reply BT Box JA130B or call ★★5566.

Made It Into "Mandate," But...

Got to find someone fun who will preferably also awaken those tingling sensations. Who knows when time will run out? That's why I'm spreading it out here. Remember the original Rubberman billboards? That's me. Or maybe you caught my one—and definitely last—"Mandate" expose (a Hard attempt). Anyway, my 29-year-old, 6 foot frame likes: other big guys, adventure, breathing, camping, staying at home, scuba diving, versatility, about anything playing at the Castro Theatre, hiking, bioenergetics, "All My Children," chocolate, drag on Halloween, writing, delusions of grandeur, Dalmatians, bluntness, bargain-hunting, and sex with someone I know and am comfortable with. Dislike: sex with someone I don't know and anything or one insincere. So send your pix and other goodies to: Boxholder, PO Box 26556, SF 94126 or call ★★5567.

Cuddling Required

Check out this good-hearted 33-yr-old GWM, enjoys skiing, hot tubs, theater and friends, 190 lbs., 5'10", br. & br., thinning, bearded, super hairy seeks slender any race, 25 to 35, who is direct, self-aware, open, communicative, for walks on beach, movies, conversations, intimacy and cuddling. Spiritual practitioners, 12-steps, parents, square dancers, actors, therapists welcomed. Call ★★5568.

Where Are You?

I'm searching for a special guy to share my life and interests with. I'm 26, 5'9", 155, dark brown hair, brown eyes, and a hairy chest. I am easygoing, loving, creative and unpretentious. You are progressive, romantic, open-minded, happy, focused and interested in making a lasting relationship. We enjoy movies, art, alternative music, Almodovar flicks, cuddling, romance, intensity, exploring, walks in the woods, spontaneous adventures, coffee, nights on the town, being together and sharing. If you are 25-35 and a non-smoker and live in the East Bay or don't mind that I do, please Call ★★5569.

A Peach Looking for Aplomb

Vibrant GWM, 33, 5'10", 145 lbs., great head of hair, seeks GAM, 21-35, with a radiant smile, self-confidence and a sense of style. Together we'll enjoy fine food and good wine, decadent desserts, candle-lit bubble baths, theater, R&B music, walks on the beach, passion, spontaneous adventures, sensuous romance. Are you poised for enchantment? Please respond. Reply BT Box JA131B.

Lustful

GWM artist, 34, 5'10", 140#, HIV-, seeks slender, smooth young GAM/GBM/GLM for erotic, sensuous sex play. In addition to sex, I love very rhythmic music, "hip hop" dancing, painting, ceramics, cooking, swimming, long bicycle rides, and young males with slender brown bodies. Your being creative is a major plus. Come join me, we can enjoy life's pleasures! Call ★★5570.

Attitude? Bar Scene?

Who needs them? I don't! What I seek is a non-smoking GWM under 40 who isn't afraid to explore life beyond the bar's doorstep. Someone who's honest, caring, likes hikes, music, movies, quality time with others and with someone special. Someone who doesn't need drugs to enjoy life. I'm an educated GWM, 39, 5'9", 170#, living in Contra Costa, seeking East Bay friends and more. Call ★★5571.

Investigative Reporter

Boy-next-door grown up; smart, stable, sometimes sweet (never saccharine) and sexy, underneath the boxer shorts; a 5'11", 170 lbs., forty-something GWM whose second favorite Sunday A.M. activity is reading the New York Times, seeks scoop on warm, winsome and wise thirtysomething (twentysomething?) grownup. Call ★★5572.

Southern Gentle Man

Romantic, artist/photographer seeks honest, emotionally available man interested in developing a mutually caring, supportive relationship. I'm healthy, 39 years old, 5'6", 130 lbs. I love country, disco, blues and jazz, theater (George Coates to Kathy & Mo) camping, hiking and massage. My "type" has a warm smile, friendly eyes, masculine and loves to cuddle. Shared interest is not essential but you must be spontaneous and flexible, sexually versatile, and unpretentious. Call ★★5573.

Needs and Desires

I would like you to: not smoke; enjoy a drink; like older men; enjoy walks; appreciate the excitement of movies, theater, dance and music; consider a sexual friendship and perhaps a relationship; share an inordinate quantity of feelings about important and silly events; anticipate sharing time and pleasures too fleshy to delve into here; perhaps be a man of color; write PO Box 640424, SF 94109 or call ★★5574.

Your Choice—Boy or Whore?

Mature, dominant males, couples, wanted by nice looking 40-yr-old submissive. Smooth, shaved body, small hung, virgin pussyass ready for the taking. My desires include forced oral, rape, bondage, nude or action photos, modeling whore clothes, slave training, humiliation, hostage, prisoner or your desires. Please no heavy pain or unsafe sex. Pluses are Blacks, couples, large bodies. Send your desires in return my letter/photo. Please write. Reply BT Box JA132B.

Looking for Love

GWM, 29, 6', 150, bl/bl, swimmer's build (thin), HIV+, healthy. Shy, not comfortable meeting men at bars. Like to meet a masculine, attractive, cleanshaven GWM, 25-35, in good physical shape (toned, not necessarily a BB). Relationship oriented, prefer starting as friends. Interests include bicycling, dancing, hiking, beach walks, intimate dinner parties, movies, and quiet evenings snuggling at home. If this appeals to you—please call. Call ★★5575.

Hot White Dick

Sorry for being graphic, but it got your attention, right? This 28-yr-old cute Chinese boy, 5'3", 105#, with good teeth and a nice smile, wants to be romantically involved with a GWM who is 25-35, taller, with a slim to medium build. Some favorite things: cooking, Pier 7, Satire, gambling, Keith Haring, NYSE, listening, Sarah Vaughan, keeping secrets, licking your ear, running my hand through your chest hair, and meeting you for the 1st time. Call ★★5576.

Starting Over Again...

Glad to be back home again in San Francisco. Newly single, GWM, 37, 6', 215#, blue eyes, moustache, hairy chest—so much for exteriors. What's inside is more important: a heart full of love for affectionate, bright, kind, liberal non-smokers, aged 28-45. Call and share your sense of humor, list your favorite movies or recordings, name your fantasy island or, what's to lose, make a date. Reply BT Box JA133B or call ★★5577.

A Sensual Touch

is wonderful, as are hugs, cuddles and kisses—and this 36-year-old, 6' tall, 155 lb. GWM has always gotten an A+ in these subjects. The rest of my report card contains A or A-s in music, intelligence, HIV status, sense of humor, playfulness, JO, oral pleasures; B+ to B- in looks (depending on whether the "teacher" likes my brown hair, blue eyes, moustache and hairy chest); B+ in both travel and western dancing; B in creativity, hiking, camping (with tents), movies; B- in television, reading, photography; C and D subjects—well, they're not vital here, although I did fail in smoking and drugs. There's also an adventurous side aptitude for exhibitionism/voyeurism (not every report card has to be pure vanilla!) Why don't you tell me about your grades? Reply BT Box JA134B or call ★★5578.

Seeking Middle Eastern Man

I'm GWM, 22 yrs., 150 lbs., dark hair and have intense blue eyes. Also well-hung, versatile, smooth, very cuddly and passionate. Would like to find someone whose passion is equal or greater than mine, and whose lust for life is balanced with understanding. Please reply (with photo if possible) to: PO Box 31919, SF 94131-9991 or call ★★5579.

Hunky Boy Next Door

Is what my friends say I appear to be. Oral slut wannabe is what I am inside. I'm a 6', 170 lb., 31 yr., handsome, well-hung GWM. I'm looking for a well-hung GM, 25-35, who is very oral, very versatile, very affectionate and horny. I'm a gym addict, as should you be. I'm an intelligent media professional who loves the tabloids. I hate "eggheads" and love leftist blue collar types. Your required photo gets mine. I might try anal experimentation. Reply BT Box JA135B or call ★★5580.

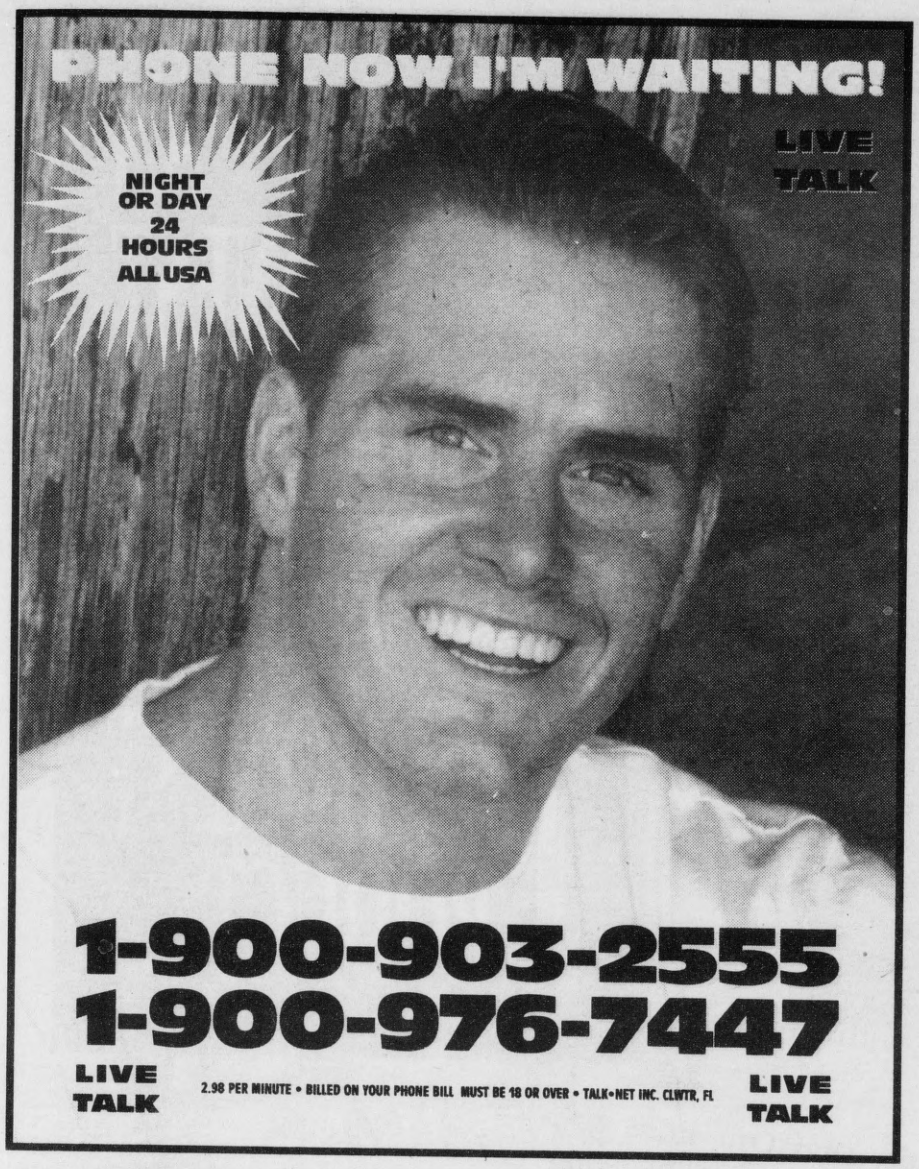
Greek Ideal

Handsome, HIV- GWM who pursues truth, beauty and excellence in attainment in all areas of life seeks partner/soul-match. Am quite bright, gym-defined, 150# & 5'9", mustachioed & clear blue-eyed, successful & substance-free, young-looking 42 professional/writer. Main pursuits: bodybuilding and creative cooking; working and writing; meditation and movies; reading novels and reaching out. Seek similar man with well-proportioned muscular physique who is masculine, independent, responsible and true. Reply BT Box JA136B or call ★★5581.

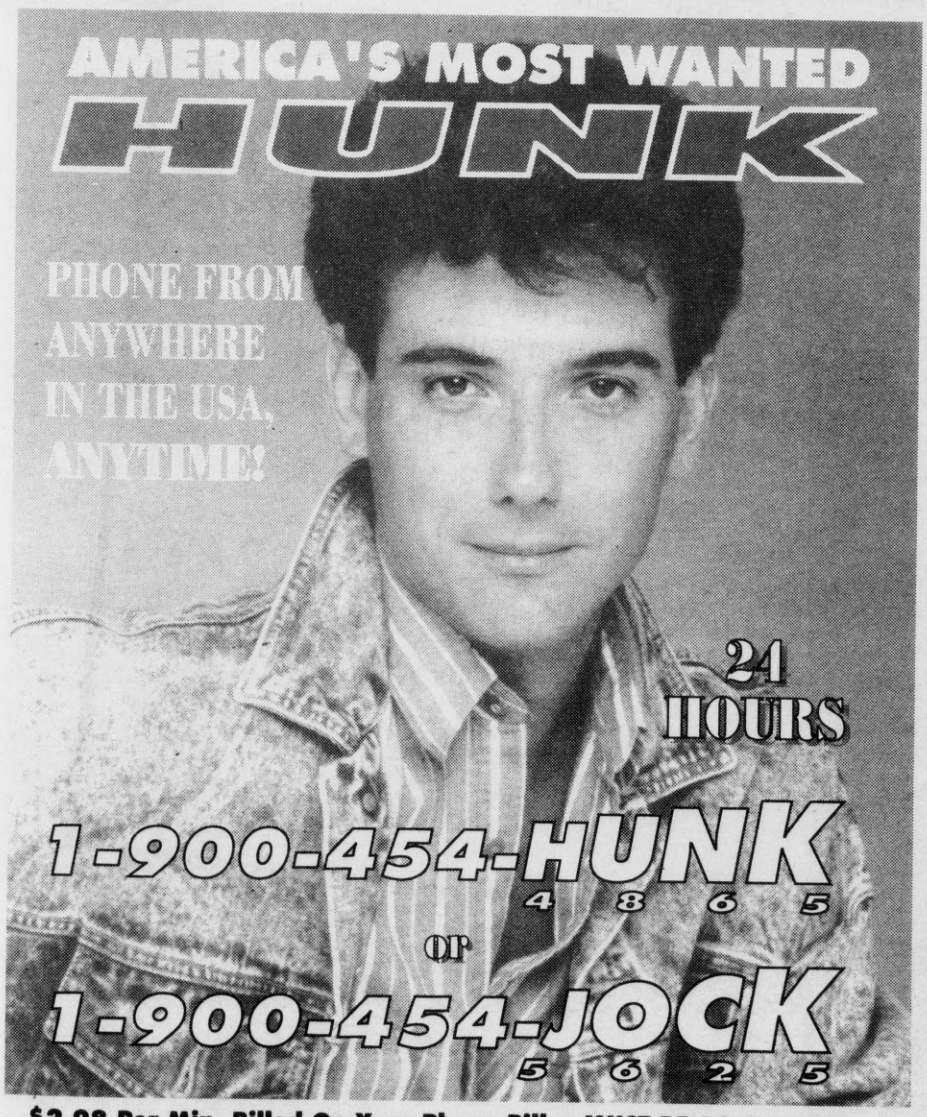
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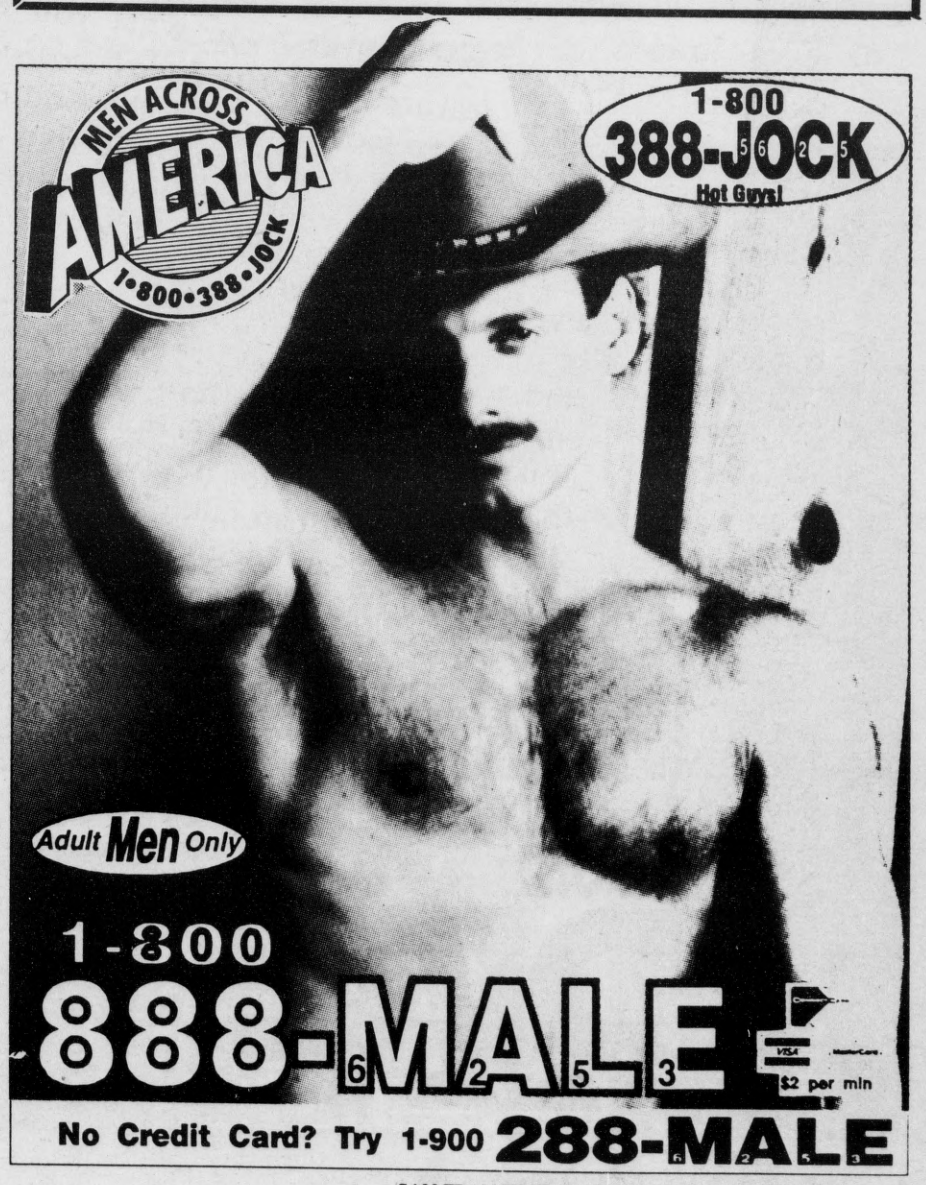
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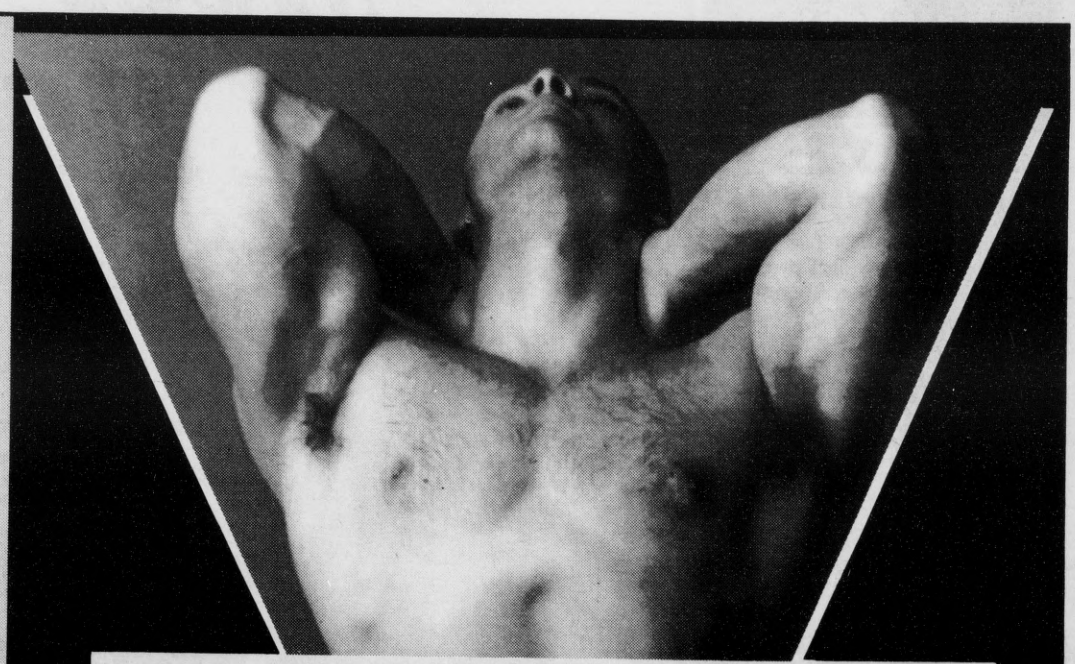
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Connection of the Heart

Light-hearted high energy & horny HIV- white male looking to connect with similar who is passionate, happy, proud of his sexuality, and into personal growth. I'm down-to-earth, good looking, 5'9", 150#, early 40s, into running, biking, X-C skiing, meditation, breathwork. I love being buddies, hanging out, dancing 'til we're sweaty, kneeling in front of you, releasing the Spirit inside. Call ★★5583.

It's Time to Cuddle Up!

Good-looking, masculine GWM, 30, 5'11", 180 lbs., short brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, seeks other cute guys to cuddle up with for the long, rainy winter days ahead. A member of N.A., with a warped sense of humor, I'm looking for a buddy to spend quality time with—nights at home, dining out, movies, sex (smile) etc. Please send recent photo w/phone # to: Rick, BT Box JA137B or call ★★5584.

Personality, Looks, Brains

What more could you want? Ever met a man and said to yourself: Guys like him are always married. Well, I am not. GWM, 5'9", 160 lbs., 37 y.o., HIV-, brwn/brwn, moustache, attractive, looking for someone to share a life with. I enjoy music, theater, travel, reading, dogs, cats, kids, romance. Photo/phone to: 2269 Chestnut St., #851, SF 94123 or call ★★5585.

Sagittarian With Scorpio Rising

OK, so you're not too much into astrological signs, but it caught your attention anyway. I am a handsome Latin 25 yrs., 6', 180, br/br. Seeking for the Blond-Boy-Next-Door for possible passionate, sensuous romance coupled with excitement and stability. I am warm, affectionate and complex. I have varied interests such as reading thought-provoking books, traveling to obscure fun little places and enjoying sumptuous candlelight dinners, while cool French jazz plays in the background. Actually I enjoy anything that can hold my attention. I am also an independent thinker, with a strong personality and character. At times mistaken for a snob and even self-indulgent, but really I'm a masculine "regular guy" who happens to like men. Not papercut-outs or exaggerated versions of men, just normal, fun, sensuous guys that are comfortable with being gay. You are my age or a big older, friendly, distinguished and attractive (with a cute smile and blushes when told so). Emotionally-mature or getting there. Outgoing and cultured, ready for anything other than being bored. Able to be at ease in all levels of society. Someone who considers character, sensitivity and communication essential, not to mention passionate sex with lots of kissing, hugging and touching with a few laughs thrown in for good measure. I'm not looking for God or a Prince Charming, just that cute blond-boy-next-door that wants to love and be loved by someone who has alot to offer. Respond and express yourself in a letter with current photo. Reply BT Box JA138B.

Seeking 45-65 Silver Fox

GWM, 34, brown hair, dark blue eyes, 5'10", 150#, seeks mature, 45-60, medium-weight man, hairy, salt/pepper chests, romantic hugging and kissing really turns me on. I'm well endowed, go down on all sizes, but prefer large! No smokers, drinkers, drugees. Couples or more is okay with me. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box JA139B.

Former Midwesterner Looking For

horny couples only. I am looking for that particular hot & horny couple who'd both thoroughly enjoy a safe ass pounding of their respective receptive hairy moist holes. Me, I'm GBM, 39, HIV-, 6'1", 200 lbs. Top, blue collar worker with 8½ inches. I enjoy pro-football, baseball, basketball & pro-wrestling along with 3-ways or more. Voyeurism & exhibitionism along with XXX-movies & oral gratification. Age and race are unimportant, but I'd enjoy being photographed playing safely with both of you. I insist upon using condoms at all times. No single men, drunks, $ or drug users. Out of towners welcomed. Open-minded, free-spirited, couples with positive mental attitude please respond. Reply BT Box JA140B or call ★★5586.

GWM, 30 y.o., 6'1", 155 lbs., attractive, enigmatic, high-spirited and strong-minded but giving, seeks GAM, 30-40 y.o., masculine, honest, fit, for friendship +. If you are spiritual but not religious, healthy but not a bodybuilder, please write. Reply BT Box JA141B.

Show Me

Your heart, your body, the City. Relocating back to SF (already there quite often); seeking new friends (relationship?). Medical professional who is articulate and aware; with a strong, spirited drive and personality, positive attitude (HIV-); expressive, sophisticated, passionate (about everything!). Intellectually curious and gifted. Life and relationship experienced. Love to teach, nurture, support. Look-wise: 6', 173#, dark eyes/light hair; handsome, clean-cut, masculine, healthy; active, young-looking late 30s; with a great smile, medium build. Sexually: very oral, very top, well-endowed, intense, physical/affectionate. Am: grounded, playful, sensitive, focused, adventurous, thoughtful, commitment-oriented, yet independent (smile and laugh easily). Believe in: communication, compassion, truth and principles, personal and social responsibility. Interests: all sciences, music, arts, travel, nature, politics. Enjoy: romance, hot sex, beach walks; intimate, long talks; touching and cuddling. Looking for: my age or younger; similar traits and qualities; who is open, optimistic, loving. Blonds, good kissers, smooth, and nonsmokers a plus! Wanna be my special friend? Write: BT Box JA167B.

Muscles Under Our Suits

I'm: 32, 5'10", 163 gym lbs., smooth, balding/trim beard, Italian, 7", masculine and gay(+), gregarious, witty, successful and lonely for concurrent physical/mental stimulation. Seek: 30-40ish nonsmoker (pot OK), HIV- (Me 2), gym man and professional. Someone masculine and genuine, intelligent, creative and self-assured, into life, balance and versatile sex/affection. Let's share briefs. No barflies. Photo exchange. Reply BT Box JA142B.

Horny

Single GWM, 48, muscular 5'7", 145, br/bl, would like to meet hairy, muscular men in 40s and 50s for sex, possible friendship. Personal likes include classical music, jazz, reading, hiking, staying home. Quiet masculine men are preferred. Balding and bearish a definite plus. I welcome men of the Bear Expo which is near my home. Reply BT Box JA143B or call ★★5587.

Einstein in Stud Toro's Body

One of my problems is finding great minds with no sex appeal, or great sex with no intellect. I'm looking for a man who has a dark complexion (Hispanic?) and is uncut (like me). I am passionate and sexually versatile, though not into kink, leather or pain. I'm a college science teacher who also loves music—both playing and listening—Broadway and classical in particular. I also enjoy murder mysteries, movies, family, C&W two stepping, and beaches. I'm white, 5'8" and 145 pounds, attractive, with moustache, brown hair and green eyes. Recently turned 42, I'm extremely healthy (HIV-) and active both mentally and physically. You should be in good mental and physical shape, near my height or shorter. You should be old enough to have direction in life (30s?), and must value education (whether or not it's formal). I love sparkling eyes, warm smiles, affection, enthusiasm, gentleness and kindness. I'm not interested in alcohol, smoking, or any drugs. I'm looking for friendship and possible longterm relationship. Call ★★5588.

Lover Man, Oh, Where Can You Be?

I want a relationship with someone that likes to go out to a movie or just stay home together. I like stocky, hairy men with a great sense of humor. A big nose is a plus. Me: I'm a 25 y.o. GWM artist, 6'1", brown hair/green eyes, HIV-. So let's get together and talk. Call ★★5589.

Seeks Sexual Mutuality

QWM, 6'2", 220#, decent shape, 40, blue, brn, bearded, balding, chest & belly covered with soft hair, HIV-, looking for sexual mutuality, versatility, natural masculinity. Special turn-ons—fuzzy bellies, hairy chests, sensitive nips, foreskin, easy grins, intelligence, playfulness. Turn-offs—cologne, heavy attitude, dirty assholes, neckties, Republicans. Generally attracted to thin-med. builds under 45. Any race, ethnicity. Reply letter/photo to: BT Box JA144B or call ★★5590.

Love Me Tender

I am interested in an ongoing relationship with a man who is spiritually awake, emotionally open, self-assured, healthy & able to communicate. I enjoy a wide variety of experiences including theater, singing, dancing, going to the gym, reading and tend to be passionate, playful, outgoing, affectionate, dedicated and inwardly directed. Physically I am 6'1", 205 lbs., brn & hazel, 31 yrs. and HIV-. Looking forward to hearing from you! Call ★★5591.

Bearded, Hairy Men

drive me nuts! Chubby GWM, 5'10", 36, 195, light brown hair and sparkling blue eyes, seeks bearded height/weight proportional GWM, 28-42, for all the usual things. I'm interested in science fiction, Star Trek TNG, pinball, idea exchange, nature and natural history. Musical tastes run to pre-Romantic classical, rock and roll, folk and high energy. Sexually I'm versatile, focusing on nipples, kissing and abundant, imaginative ass-play (fingers, toys, rimming, fucking). No SM, VA or dominance/submission. Prefer non-cigarette smoker. Interested? Write a note, include a photo. Reply BT Box JA145B or call ★★5592.

Well Rounded

Literally. GWM, 33, 6'3", 230, husky, nutri-sizing, br/br, trim beard, handsome teddy bear, weary of bars, one nighters and sleazy creeps, seeks attractive, professional, marriage-minded soul mate/decent GWM 25-38 who'll like me just as I am, for better, for worse, for fatter, for thinner, for muscular, for flabby. Be somewhat like me—gentle, affectionate, funny, smart, literate, sober, down-to-earth-yet-spacy; a lover of movies, books, music, art, food, sex, computers, animals, nature, current events, popular culture, and Bugs Bunny—and the world will be ours! Call ★★5593.

C.P.E. Bach + Mountain Bike

GWM, 60, nonsmoker—Bike, hike, sail, ride, Nordic. Wine, dine, Bach et al. Post-grad. Stable. Gym trim. HIV-. Wants same in masculine friend for monogamous relationship. Call ★★5594.

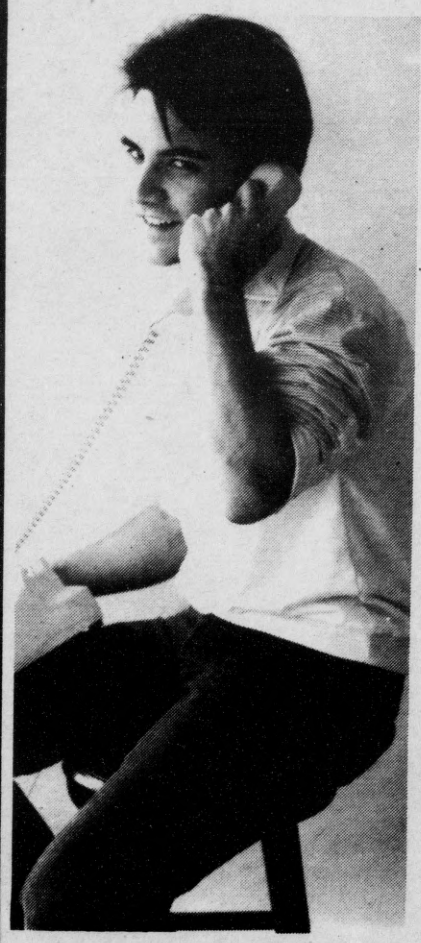
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Two Midwest queer boys seek more friends. We know what we don't like: No "straight looking/acting GMs," normies, Castro Clones, two or twelve-steppers, whiners/DOA, daddies, new agers, born agains (once was enough), big attitudes, militant nonsmokers/drinkers/others. Us: just friends, into art, music, literature, body art, coffee, hanging out, exploring SF, conversation and Converse All-Stars. Are we that picky? Call ★★5595.

Want to End Dating Game

Let me introduce myself: I'm an attractive San Franciscan, 41, 5′10″, 155. I work as a marketing consultant and am involved in gay community service. Committed to a fitness program and enjoy hiking, biking, outdoor recreation. In friendships I tend to put energy into a group of close, long-term relationships. Love foreign films, though favorites this year were American ("Boyz in Hood"; "Private Idaho"). My idea of a great time: exploring ruins in Yucatan, or churches in Italy. A terrific Saturday afternoon would be lunch at the Flore, a museum exhibit, and scouring a flea market. Evening: a fun restaurant, a new play, and home for dessert(!). If all that captures your imagination, and you have a life that interests you as well, let's get to know each other. Please send a photo. Reply BT Box JA146B.

Desires

Honesty, sincerity, communication, an attractive guy who takes care of his mind, body and soul. My loves: music, real people, laughter, art, adventure, romance and good workouts. My lusts: topping a hot looking butt. My looks: attractive BM, light complexion, 30s, 6′1″, 189 lbs., 43″ chest, 29″ waist, 38″ hips, 16½″ arms, sinewy muscularity. If you can handle even some of the above, your letter, photo and candor gets mine. Reply BT Box JA147B.

Looking for Love

GWM, 6′, 155, 32 yrs old, HIV+. Looking for that special person to share my life with. Some of my interests are—theater, eating out, cuddling, like to stay home, watch movies. I love sex, traveling and have a great sense of humor. I am passionate, romantic, loving and caring. I'm looking for someone with similar interests, well groomed, weight proportioned to height, good looking and fun to be with. Call ★★5596.

Ready

to meet someone special who communicates, doesn't put people down and is honest. I'm athletic (swimmer) 34, boyishly handsome (looks late 20s) entertaining, thoughtful and enjoy outdoors as well as movies, cuddling at home, etc. I want to meet someone who is physically attractive, intellectually stimulating and connects emotionally. If you have many of these traits, hobbies and others that may complement mine, call and/or send photo. Reply BT Box JA148B or call ★★5597.

Enigma News

If you've read it, you're already with me on this. I'm GWM, 33, looking for a mentor/master for an intimate relationship based on genital control activities: desperately need chastity training, bondage. Sex negation, pumping, catheters, stretching, piercing. Fantasy scenes—what's yours, Sir? Can travel. Reply BT Box JA149B or call ★★5598.

Feet

GWM, mid-thirties, well-built, looking for others into barefeet play—sucking, licking, tickling, etc. If you're into this—or would just like to try it out, let's talk. 3-ways, non-reciprocal action OK also. Call and tell me what would turn you on. Reply BT Box JA150B or call ★★5599.

Your Fantasy

is my fun. GWM, 40s, attractive, HIV-, Top, Leather Dad, derives pleasure from helping you to realize your fantasy. Boy, slave, stud? Limits expanded and respected. I'm unshockable and will consider all requests from attractive fantasy seekers age 30-45. Call ★★5600.

Beautiful Boy Contest

Tall, dark, handsome, masculine man seeks lovable boyfriend 18-35. I am 6′4″, 200 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes, 33, intelligent, sensitive, strong and fun-loving. You are cute, sincere and nice to be with. We are both HIV-, friends first. If mutually attracted—lovers. Your photo gets mine—all answered. 1275 4th St., Box 384, Santa Rosa 95404.

Are You Interested?

32-year-old professional, 5′7″, brown hair & eyes, SF resident, seeking GWM, 27-34, in good physical condition. I like movies, working out, bicycling, hiking and hope you do, too. I'm relationship-oriented and seeking same. No smokers or substance abusers, please. Respond with a letter. Photo (optional), and phone number. Reply BT Box JA151B.

Seeking Seeker

Longtime, nondogmatic meditator seeks spiritually inclined companion to share the path as well as our hearts and bodies. I value honesty, communication, mutuality, gentleness, playfulness, sensuality, warmth, and lots of affection. I'm 42 (look younger), 6′2″, 195#, beard, glasses, sleepy bedroom eyes, and very huggable. Please be younger than me, boyish or cute, and like me: drug-, tobacco-free, height-weight proportionate, smoothish, HIV-, GWM. Call ★★5601.

From Me to You

Masculine GWM, 41, blnd/bl, 6′, 160 lbs., HIV-. Sincere, loving, caring, honest and fit. Some of my interests are dinners with friends, movies, nature, beach, music and quiet nites at home. Looking to meet a sincere GWM/GLM around 35 yrs., shorter than me, somewhat slim, HIV-, for possible friendship/relationship. Prefer nonsmoker, no drugs. If you're interested, please send letter and photo. Reply BT Box JA152B or call ★★5602.

Culturally Crippled

In what sense? I am here. Not that this 21-year-old explosive boy from the East doesn't love SF, just that the "smart drinks" don't seem to make anyone smarter. And since the public library closes at six, my night life has been reduced to the gay underworld and campy cocktail parties. Have unstable professional career in art, and continue my undergraduate continuum at Cal Arts after a year off. Love to feel stress and alleviate stress. If you think you can handle a collision with this fit, crazed boy, send me a comment, quote, photo. My physical make: 5′5″, 130. Looks like a W.A.S.P., bumbles like a bee. You: interesting. Elaborate. Reply BT Box JA153B.

28-year-old Latin Male

(Mediterranean good looks), 5′8″, 155 lbs., in fit condition, seeking companion in same age range for friendship, possibly more. Not looking to settle down quite yet. Things I like: Ella Fitzgerald, Cole Porter, classical music concerts, jazz, reading, bicycling, romance, films, (classics, foreign, et al.), travel, liberal politics, Thai food, strolling around SF, the Botanical Gardens, champagne, honesty. Things I don't really like: the bar scene, shallowness, insincerity, self-destructive personalities. Latins and Europeans a plus. Reply BT Box JA154B.

Great Looks and Sensitivity

I am GWM, 32, 5′10″, 160#, HIV-, very handsome (brn/brn) professional, well-built and proportioned, (40″c, 31″w), athletic, humorous, honest, relaxed, intelligent, spiritual, spontaneous, creative, caring and romantic. My work and relationships have been fulfilling. Not into bars or clubs, love film, theater, travel, music, massage and intimacy. Seeking similar WM, 25-36, who wants to share fun times and romance. Full description, please. Call ★★5603.

Energetic GBM Looking for GWM

Energetic 27 y.o. profl. GBM looking for GWM, 25-35. I am intelligent, keen, healthy and stable with a good sense of humor and a quick wit. I enjoy movies, dining out, reading, traveling and bicycling around the City. I'm very good-looking, tall and slim. Send descriptive letter with photo. Reply BT Box JA155B or call ★★5604.

R U Hairy?

Body hair drives me wild! Attractive GWM, 36, HIV-, 6′, 190, sandy hair, green eyes, moustache, body builder, uncut, smooth (sigh...) looking for hairy GWM, 25-40, HIV-, about my height and weight, with moustache or beard for longterm monogamous relationship. I love working out, movies, books, rock & roll, outdoors, travel, scuba diving, camping, skiing, video, computers, and electronics. I am professional, intelligent, independent, masculine, sensitive, loving, and have a strong sex drive. Please send letter with photo (returned). Reply BT Box JA156B or call ★★5605.

GAM

Good-looking, nonsmoking/drinking GAM, 43 y.o., 5′6″, slim, HIV-, sincere, honest, is looking for an older and mature GWM to treasure friendship/relationship. I enjoy music, traveling, walking, cooking, photography, quiet evenings at home. Please drop a line with phone/photo (will be returned). Reply BT Box JA157B.

Make Me Really Think, Laugh and Come

... And in that order. Unique, fun, sexy, masculine GWM, 28 y.o., br/blnd/hzl, 5′8″, 150 lbs., works out, clean-shaven, HIV-, Harvard MBA yet down-to-earth guy. Good-looking, great legs, furry pecs, short receding hair, bright eyes, big smile, and warm heart. Very motivated, outgoing, energetic Southerner-in-exile (no accent though) abounding in contrasts and contradictions. Like cats, travel, languages, planes, bridges, skiing, REM, New Order, Mozart, the Smiths, Yourcenar, Forster, tennis, working out, lattes, dark chocolate turtles, and balance in life. Looking for honest, in-shape GWM near my age, HIV-, with a brain, a sense of humor, a heart, and a zest for life to date and see what happens. Letter/picture appreciated. Reply BT Box JA158B or call ★★5606.

Three Way

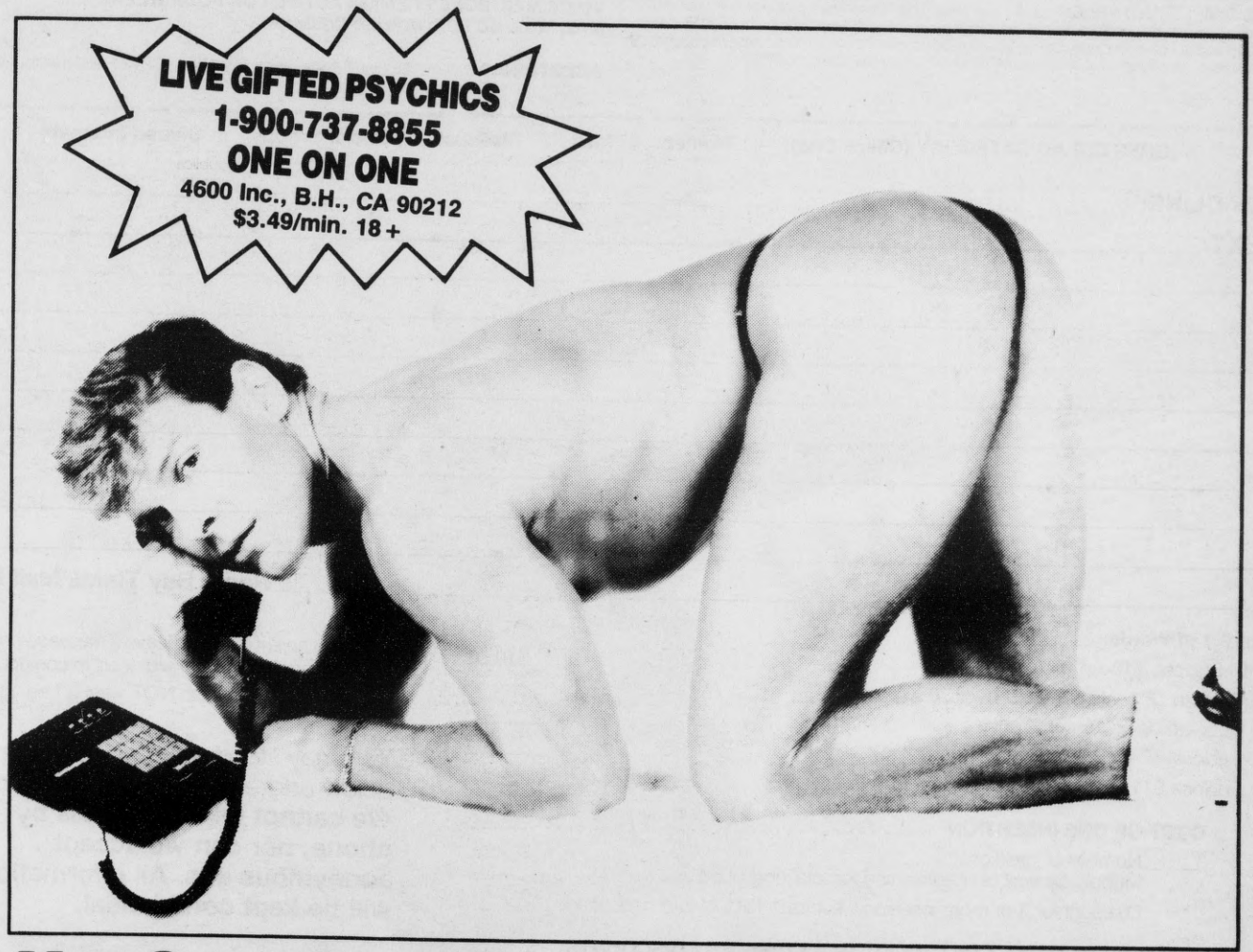
Two professional, friendly, masculine, gym-toned men looking for GWM or Hispanic for safe, versatile, sexual adventure. We: GWM, 150 lbs., 5′11″, 43, hairy chest; and Hispanic, 145 lbs., 5′6″, 39, smooth body. You: similar trim build, cut, 30s or youthful 40s, financially stable, drug/smoke free, self-confident, enjoying fireplaces and good conversation; combined with exhibitionism, foreplay and hot safe physical pleasure with two horny, good-looking men. Call ★★5607.

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A Non-Ruga* Person
Healthy, stable, liberal-minded GAM wants to meet other GM (GAM preferred). I'm 5'8", 42 yrs., 150#. Varied interests: "fun" gym, "totally mindless" movies, "hole-in-the-wall" dining, "exploratory" walks, etc. Head, heart, hearth and heathen or heath hen important to me. You: creative, sense of humor, honesty w/touch of naivete, non-materialistic hedonist, reformed agnostic/liberal close-minded orthodox authoritarian. Pictorial correspondence answered. *Ruga—an anatomical fold or wrinkle. Reply BT Box JA159B or call ★★5608.

QWM
24, brown eyes, 5'11", 160 pounds, completely hairless (alopelia universalis) seeking other hot men for fun and frolic. No interest in smoking, drinking or drugs. But much interest in art, motion pictures, theater, erotica, foreign men, garage sales, sunny beaches, cooking, and enjoying life. Let's date, be pals, fool around or whatever we need to be for each other. Take a chance, make the call and watch companionship unfold! Call ★★5609.

Eros
Strikingly handsome, fit, sexy, sensual, Mediterranean featured man seeks union. My nature is willful and loving, strong and vulnerable, gentle, caring, passionate and honest. What interests me most about you is what you do to increase your self-awareness, what are your intentions for life, and do you love yourself? Also, can you work through conflict and distinguish what is personal from that which is not? I am open to broadening and deepening my being through new dimensions of experience and would like for us to creatively cultivate a genuine union, overcoming our separateness and transcending our selves. Please write PO Box 471113, SF 94147 or call ★★5610.

New Teddy in Town
A most lovable bear, fresh from hibernation in Provincetown/Boston, ready for a good romp and cuddle with a cute cub. Warm, intelligent, friendly, intimate, masculine, young 33, 5'11", 240 and falling, wavy brown, blue, beard, handsome face, nice smile; a real catch for those into bigger men of quality. Prefer smaller (than me—tall OK), bright, honest, life-loving cubs. Let's play! Call ★★5611.

Jockey Shorts & Handcuffs
on you; Daddy in boxer shorts (or leather)—Rough Rider condom aimed at your butt. Gently dominant, Xtra hairy, hung, handsome, HIV-Topman (5'8", 160, late-30s, bearded) loves sweaty fucking & fevered fantasies: (Coach initiating you; warden strip-searching you; big brother teaching you strip poker). Use your imagination—I'll use mine. Beyond fantasies, I'm creative, bright, enjoy theater, comedy, long walks, politics. And sure, I'd like more than sex, but dissolution of 2-year monogamous relationship (well, anyway, I was monogamous) has left me horny; too much in life (& the world) up in the air. So, it's time to be playful; return to gym; drop 10 lbs.; flatten my tummy before April; find fuckbuddy(ies)—maybe even friendship? Firm-bodied, curious, queer boys, 20s-early 30s (Plusses: short, smooth, artistic. Required to turn to me: firm-body!), ever dream about being blindfolded, stripped, tied up? What are your fantasies? Write w/photo/phone. Maybe we can make dreams come true? Reply BT Box JA160B or call ★★5612.

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How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

CALL 1-900-844-2-GAY. Using a Touch-Tone phone, you can reply to any ad that has "Call ★★" with a Call Star Extension number. This is your chance to hear the advertiser's voice! Call their extension and leave a personalized message, or see if this sounds like an advertiser you'd like to write to. It's almost as easy as leaving a message on a friend's answering machine. And the advertiser gets your message immediately.

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How To Get a "Call Star" Voice Mail Box

IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!! You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

How To Reply by Mail to a SF Bay Times Personal Ad

SEND IN YOUR LETTERS: If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through Mar. 16. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

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QUESTIONS? Call the SF Bay Times office at (415) 626-8121 and ask for Greta.

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You may stop by the office at the below address to fill out a coupon. **We cannot take personals by phone, nor can we accept anonymous ads. All information will be kept confidential.**

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Musical Soulmate Needed
Refined, caring, pianist/accompanist/singer-coach, college teacher, INFP/artist-type seeks commitment-oriented lifemate who can reciprocate high ideals. Important: Friendship first, HIV-, humor, interpersonal growth, awareness, intuitiveness, inner beauty, altruism, devotion, health, traditional values, integrity, love of self/ others, nature/animals/beauty, philosophical, communicative, intensity. GWM, 44, 5'7", 120. PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★5613. Can relocate.

Spirit First
50-year-old spiritual seeker looking for lover on conscious path of healing mind, heart and body to develop an intimate loving relationship. Reply BT Box JA161B or call ★★5614.

Queen Looking for King
King should know how to treat a lady like a lady. King should be 28-38, 5'10"-6'4". Stable, very affectionate, fun loving, and very understanding. Race doesn't matter. Queen, GBM, 24, 5'7", 180, cool, classic and elegant in drag and manners. Into going out dancing and having a good time. I don't drink, smoke or do drugs, neither should my king. I will tolerate light, occasional smoking, drinking; no drugs whatsoever. If you're my king, write and please send photo and number. Reply BT Box JA162B or call ★★5615.

Boring Brrrrring
It's cold and I'm tired of curling up in those flannel sheets alone. Interested in warming those nights with some pleasant companionship and fun sex? I'm flexible about what level of relationship is mutually desired. You consider yourself different—part of the masses, but pursuing your own path. I'm 44, 5'10", and 200 very muscular lbs., GBM. We're both active, nonsmokers, social drinkers. Reply BT Box JA163B.

Muscular and More
I am a highly educated, successful, career oriented Jewish professional. I am also handsome, HIV-, a nonsmoker, very youthful, 44, 5'10", athletic and muscular. My interests include symphony and opera, benching 200 lbs. during my intense workouts at the gym, skiing in Aspen, savoring the beauty of a Pacific sunset, world travel, playing Mozart piano sonatas on my Steinway, and preparing delicious meals for my friends! I offer a tremendous enthusiasm, a great sense of humor, as well as the capacity and desire to develop a longterm monogamous relationship. I am seeking a partner, 28 plus and very muscular, who shares similar values and aspirations and who is ready. Reply BT Box JA164B or call ★★5616.

Tall & Hairy Caucasians
for romance & companionship. Chinese, 40 y.o., 5'5", 120#, FOB, w/swimmer build, boyish charm & young cute look, yet intellectual, artistic & sophisticated. Desire to meet sincere GWM to share good times in life. If you are between late 30s and early 50s, 6 feet or taller, well-built w/hairy chest and rugged, masculine appearance, into dating and longterm relationship, please reply w/photo and phone # to PO Box 423832, SF 94142 or call ★★5617.

Bachelor #1
Are you a handsome, creative, educated professional with a sense of humor and adventure? Are you 25-35, liberal, and interested in dating and romance? If you are all of the above (I am), write a letter and send a recent photo. See what's behind the curtain (or door #3?). Reply BT Box JA165B.

Show Off to Dad
Show off what a big boy you've become, how good you look in your sportswear or dress outfit. Show dad how strong and supple you are. Show off your work, or your favorite pictures, or yourself. Dad wants to see what you'd like to show. Send note, and pictures if possible, to: Boxholder, PO Box 190702, SF 94119.

Small Penises
turn me on—especially when they're connected to guys who are in good shape. Let me give you the care and respect that you deserve. I'm handsome, college educated, 6', well-hung, 24 y.o., Spanish/Asian guy with black hair and brown eyes. Working out has given me a hot, lean, smooth body. If you'd like to join me for a movie or something, call me at ★★5618.

Opposites Attract
I'm lean and smooth, but I love husky/muscular (not fat) guys with hair on their chests. Regular workouts keep me in hot shape. I'm 5'11", 25 y.o., Latin/Hawaiian with black hair and brown eyes. I'm a regular guy and I like the same. Let's meet. Who knows, we might get past the physical stuff and actually like each other. Call ★★5619.

Life is an Adventure
I would like to meet, date and develop a committed relationship with a GWM, 30-45, professional, financially stable, curious, energetic, with a passion for an experiencing-relating-adventuresome lifestyle and a can-do/let's do outlook. I am 36, GWM, 5'11", 170, attractive/handsome, clean-cut, well toned and fit due to my enjoyment of running and working out. I am thrilled by foreign travel, entertainment, cooking, the arts. I value superb communication skills and a willingness to talk about one's feelings, goals, ambitions. It is important to connect in many ways. I live in and work in SF and am an accomplished corporate professional. I am HIV- and nonsmoker, prefer you to be. Let's seize the opportunities of life!! Reply BT Box JA166B or call ★★5620.

GAM, 22
seeks friends who like swimming, walking, talking and generally making our own fun. Me: 5'7", 130 lbs., slim, smooth. I like intelligence, gentleness, kindness. Please write with photo to Boxholder, PO Box 425577, SF 94142.

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Have fun! Go wild! Just fill out the coupon on page 50 and return it to our office by Jan. 24. Your ad will appear before Valentine's Day. It's on us!**

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Bi BISEXUAL

Sun And Moon
Transsexual woman seeks Sun to her Moon. I'm the Piscean, nesting-type who likes dancing, dinners, the ocean. I realize answering this can expose you to all sorts of social criticism ("Did you hear what so-and-so is going out with?" "She's not a real woman.") Hey, I know that. I also know if we hit it off it won't matter what people say, and I'll stand by you. (If you like what you've just read but only want to hang out, that's fine.) To find out more call ★★4535.

Santa Cruz Drag Queen
Closet-free straight crossdresser wants to meet ladies (bi-OK) who appreciate the chance to double their wardrobe. Have sense of humor & am warm and caring. Love dinners out, moderate drinker & NS. Get in touch and we'll play Barbie. Can entertain or travel. Relationship possible. PO Box 2703, Santa Cruz 95063 or call ★★4777.

Needle In A Haystack Or What Are You, Crazy?
BWM desperately wants a child. Pe... having a child a... female lover. Why... the year 2000. W... worlds, a child, a... 165, bnw/bgm, pr... clever, successful... yadee—You shou... could work. Drop ... ly BT Box DC300...

Lovers Of The Grape!
...who, like ... "Don't dream it—be it!" PO Box 12... 94701 or call ★★4780.

S SHARED INTEREST

Two-Step Partner
I'm a lesbian, wanting an intermediate level lesbian dance partner or buddy to go out dancing at the Rawhide & Corral with. Prefer a leader who sometimes likes to follow but am flexible. I am 40, very friendly, and have quite a variegated background. Call soon. Call ★★4806.

Classical Musicians—Sightreaders
Patient, kind, sensitive professional accompanist/voice coach seeks other capable instrumentalists/singers for informal, artistic (but light-hearted) music-making. If you are a careful, thoughtful musician (who may have "blocks") who needs a like-minded friend to share with, you owe it to yourself to explore this opportunity. Let's chat! (I have a fine piano and transportation.) Call ★★4807.

Ladakh, Zanskar (Tibetan kingdoms now in India) in July-Aug. Cross passes to 16000 feet. Visit monasteries. Possibly also tour in Malaysia, hike in Nepal. Open to other places, times. Go to most expensive hotels, only $5/day at most to wn of 3rd world! Write "World Bicyclist," 131 Berkeley Square #291, Berkeley 94704

Fiber Fanatics
I didn't respond to your October ad quick enough. Your group sounded fun to me. Would like to meet with others who like to knit, spin, weave, etc...Reply BT Box DC600A or call ★★4809.

I Love My New Home!
...transplanted Easterner seeks compa... ...walks (East Bay), camping, ...rts (esp. folk/ethnic ... Bay Area. I'm ... places. I am looking for someone these interests and wants to explore... Photo with letter please to: PO Box 93920.

M MEN

Combo Platter
Ostensibly you are reading these ads for sex. Secretly, though, you are seeking intimacy, perhaps even—if you admit your wildest fantasy—love. But as a man you cannot freely admit that. You may even deny it. Yet here you are, still reading. Very young men have little to offer many older men are too set in their ways. Enter the delicious combo platter ... spirited heart. The ... come to ...

No, My Dick Is Not Shaped Like A Hamburger
...or a flying saucer, or an atomic bomb, what you're into. Don't come to me looking up on bedding down Tom Cruise. I'm in control of my head and know what I'm seeking. I'm 40, 5'10", ... hair and graying beard. Hilly ... I'm good-looking. And damn... people do not get me hard and ... who has a real personality as not int... and is not afraid of committing to ... has varied interests and enjoys a ... more than a walk through the ... take second place to your pe... though you need not be a shrink ... be able to talk about more th... and sex. If you think you can ... person and you crave more than ... quick lay, write to Charles in Char... St. #151, SF 94114-2588 or call ... ...de a photo (returnable) and ... ...real catch. ...

W WOMEN

I Believe You're Out There Somewhere
At least I want to believe it, still, though I've been looking for a very long time. I hope you show up before I give up hoping for love in this lifetime. I'm a firesign, 12/2/41, professional, mainstream, middle class, I like contemporary novels and movies, to laugh, dance, walk on Ocean Beach and in G.G. Park; I draw a little, write a little, rare etoh, smoke/toke, I'm kinda shy, quirky about food (not vegetarian), sincere, perceptive, have a complicated schedule. In my dreams you're my age range ± 5 y., live in SF—so we can enjoy it together, have a nice face, average body, you're companionable, ready to share experiences, fun, laughter, love, sex (we might like each other better if we slept together). If so, Call ★★4726.

Sun And Moon
Transsexual woman seeks sun to her moon. I'm the Piscean, nesting-type who likes dancing, dinners, the ocean. I realize answering this can expose you to all sorts of social criticism ("Did you hear what so-and-so is going out with?" "She's not a real woman.") Hey, I know that. I also know if we hit it off it won't matter what people say, and I'll stand by you. (If you like what you've just read but only want to hang out, that's fine.) To find out more, Call ★★4727.

True/False Quiz
Do you like: 1) intelligent women with a fun sense of humor; 2) similarities yet differences; 3) stimulating conversations about everything; 4) Midwest politeness; 5) good friends; 6) a 30s woman with 20s energy; 7) sports, especially ...on softball, golf, tennis, football or pool; ...beral yet fiscally conservative; 9) ...suing a dream; 10) ...sional ...

activities, also private time alone; 12) being a unique, independent woman in a close relationship; 13) exploring, travelling, questioning, tinkering, envisioning; 14) San Francisco; 15) nonsmokers; 16) the outdoors; 17) art, music, photography; 18) bargains; 19) motorcycles; 20) singing/songwriting. How Did You Score? 15-20: Why haven't we met before now?; 10-14: Interesting possibilities; 6-10: Possible friendship; 0-5: Next ad. Reply BT Box DC1A or ca...

Take A Walk On The Tame Side
Quiet vanilla lesbian, transplanted Midw... farmer's daughter, late 30s, soft of center, st... professional seeks other quiet, spirited wo... 30s-40s to share simple pleasures, travel, ... dinners, movies, music, outdoors. First ... then maybe more. Nonsmokers only. Re... Box DC2A or call ★★4729.

Curious? Interested in a small adventur... with a passion for life visiting SF-O... 12/20-1/1 for bicycling, photography, ... want to dine alone.) Likes Brazilian ... Depeche Mode music, dancing ... pagne. Nonsmokers—no drugs. If ... 35, energetic, enjoy cycling and ... mischievous, write/photo op or call ... romance out the old year. A... P... Venice, 90294-2342 or call ★★...

Great-Looking Older W...
GJWF. I am very attractive, ... although mature woman. Send ... tion, light eyes. Determined to ... loving and adventuresome f... in one after a tedious 15 ye... should love music, thea... movies, cafes, travel, pets. ... Looking to meet someone ... and companionship. Let ... nice dinner together and ... 425 Corte Madera, 949...

Attractive Asia...
Both financially and em... Settle down. I consider... ing and romantic. I e... traveling, dining out a... pretty 30+ single ... feminine woman for ... Don't miss this rare ... Call ★★4731.

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